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Town fun day ends as backers collapse

A COMMUNITY fun day attracting thousands of visitors to Stourbridge has been axed after the company behind it is folding.

Stourbridge and Black Country Events, also known as S&B Events Ltd, held the last Party in the Park at Mary Stevens Park, on Bank Holiday Monday.

Bosses confirmed it would not be held again unless another company or community group decided to take it on in the future.

Groups who performed at this week's event, which attracted more than 5,000 people, said the loss was "very sad".

Bosses from S&B Events Ltd said they had decided to dissolve the company because of the "high financial risk" placed on members to stage events.

Mike Attwood, chairman of the company, which launched in 2004, said they had only decided to go ahead with this year's Party in the Park at the last minute and had been on the brink of cancelling it due to severe weather reports.

"Thankfully we were able to go ahead and people did turn up despite rainstorms during the day," he said.

"However, had this not happened myself and the other two members of the company could have been personally liable for up to £18,000 to cover costs.

Firm set for town move

A CONSTRUCTION firm responsible for developments across the region is hoping to relocate to Stourbridge under plans to expand its operations.

Kendrick Construction Group plans to move from Walsall, where it has been based for more than 100 years, and set up in purpose-built headquarters in Hagley Road.

The firm has already submitted plans to build the new office at the former Westhill Clinic site.

LEADER WILL GIVE POWER TO PEOPLE

by Adam Burling

THE NEW Labour leader of Dudley Council has vowed to give the community a greater say in the way the authority is run – after his party took control on a dramatic election night. Labour swept to power in Dudley as the Tories' support collapsed.

Portas plan has markets on Sundays

MARKETS could be held on a Sunday in Dudley if a bid for help from retail guru Mary Portas is successful.

Specialist stalls selling continental or fresh food would line the high street if it scoops £100,000 and becomes a "Portas Pilot".

Other plans for the cash include providing shop units for young entrepreneurs who are starting out, and ploughing money into existing firms that need help. Wolverhampton, Walsall, West Bromwich and Bearwood have also applied to the scheme and are awaiting decisions next month.

Dudley's plans also include a survey to find out what shoppers want from their high street.

John Millar, director of urban environment, said: "The bid is for £100,000 and if successful will enable us to work with partners such as colleges, local businesses and property owners to develop a number of ideas in the town to boost trade and bring in more shoppers.

"The range of initiatives currently being considered includes the introduction of specialist Sunday markets, carrying out a 'what is missing from the High Street' survey, providing start up units for young entrepreneurs and measures to support existing businesses."

Wolverhampton has already revealed its plans include a Dragons' Den style competition called the Wolf's Lair will support young entrepreneurs.

The Labour group took full control of the authority last week after the Conservatives lost 13 seats – 12 to Labour and one to the Green Party.

Labour leader Councillor David Sparks said he would now overhaul the current area committee system to involve residents more and ensure their concerns are discussed.

He said beauty spots such as Wren's Nest and Saltwells nature reserves should be celebrated for their "international significance".

He added: "I am absolutely delighted that Dudley is back under Labour control. "This is because we have totally transformed the Labour party in Dudley so that it is focused on local issues and communities."

Councillor Sparks said the demolition of Coseley Baths in 2009 and the more recent proposed closure of New Bradley Hall care home in Kingswinford had impacted on the Tory party's votes.

Bureaucratic

"There's no doubt in my mind that Dudley Council needs a kick up the backside. It is too bureaucratic and doesn't relate to its communities – this is what I want to change," he said.

Among the casualties in Dudley were former cabinet member for housing Adrian Turner, who lost his Lye and Stourbridge North seat to Labour's Tremaine Herbert.

While long-serving councillors were also hit including Wordsley's Geoffrey Southall who lost out to Labour's Derek Hemmingsley. Among those who kept their seats were Dudley's mayor Councillor Michael Evans with 1,383 votes and a majority of 520.

Meanwhile Dudley Conservative leader Les Jones retained his Pedmore seat despite the Tory losses elsewhere.

He said the party had expected to make "some losses" but not to the extent it suffered. But he vowed the Dudley Conservatives group would keep a close eye on what the Labour party did now.

Muriel opens penguin bay



Muriel Thatcher opens Penguin Bay with zoo chief executive Peter Suddock and staff

THE NEW Penguin Bay attraction has been officially launched at Dudley Zoo as part of the site's 75th anniversary celebrations.

The zoo has invested £40,000 to update the penguins' pool area – home to a colony of rare Humboldt birds.

It was opened on Saturday by special guest Muriel Thatcher, who was at the opening day of the tourist attraction 75 years ago. Miss Thatcher, now aged 85, has enjoyed a lifelong, love affair with the zoo.

Miss Thatcher said: "I came to the opening in 1937, my mother brought me and my little sister."

"When we got into the entrance there was the biggest cage you ever saw in your life, full of monkeys, it was absolutely gigantic."

She added: "I think the people here are so nice and they are friendly and will talk to you. Not only do they look after the animals, they will answer your questions."

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250 look for Tesco jobs before it is built

MORE than 250 people have already enquired about jobs at a Dudley supermarket before building on the store has even started.

Tesco will open a branch in Stourbridge as part of a £50 million redevelopment, by Christmas next year.

It will generate around 320 new jobs for the town and is being built on the site of the former Crown Centre, which is currently being demolished.

Supermarket bosses said more than 250 people had expressed an interest in working at the town centre store.

Tesco spokesman Jonathan Simpson said: "The Stourbridge store will generate around 320 new jobs. We've had over 250 expressions of interest in taking one of the roles – which is fantastic."

"We normally start our recruitment around four months before a new store opens and always advertise our vacancies through Job Centre Plus."

"Our jobs are very popular as we offer flexible hours and an industry leading rate of pay with great benefits. Many of our senior colleagues started out working on the shop floor as we like to give people the opportunity to develop their careers."

Work to knock down the Crown Centre began in March.

Scouts given beacon task

SEVERAL hundred scouts are preparing to light a beacon at the top of the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The flame will form part of a chain which will be lit up across high level beauty spots throughout the country on the night of June 4.

Halesowen and District Scouts will help build the fire which will be then set alight at 10.24pm.

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Lifelong fan Muriel, 85, still loves her zoo



Muriel Thatcher, who has visited the zoo for 75 years

THE SHEER sense of wonder that the opening of Dudley Zoo fired up in one little Black Country girl has never faded.

Muriel Thatcher, now aged 85, still recalls the excitement sparked by attending the opening day of the zoo in 1937 – and she has been back there hundreds of times since.

She has “adopted” – or sponsored – at least 17 animals over the years and still catches the bus there from her Wolverhampton home every few weeks.

She was a VIP visitor when the zoo launched its latest attraction – the new Penguin Bay. “I was 10 years of age when I went with my mother and little sister, Greta, to the opening of the zoo in May 1937,” said Miss Thatcher, of Blackwood Avenue, Wednesfield.

“And my goodness, were we excited! In those days we lived in an old, terraced house on Cannon Road, Wolverhampton, and we loved cats

and dogs, although we only had cats. We’d read books about wild animals – but to see them ... well, I’ve never forgotten it.”

Miss Thatcher worked as a shop assistant at Beatties and later as a domestic helper at the Queen Victoria nursing home in Wolverhampton and the old Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary.

She recalls that along with her mother and sister, she had to catch two buses to get to the zoo and then faced a wait in the horrendously long queue of at least two hours to get in.

“My biggest memory is going through the entrance and there was an enormous cage full of monkeys,” she said.

“Then there was a gigantic tortoise which was big enough for you to sit on its back – health and safety wouldn’t let you do it now. I remember camels and a lovely polar bear and lions and bison. And that castle ... I’ve never stopped loving it. I’ve practically lived at the zoo ever since and,

apart from during the war years, I’ve been back every two or three weeks – and I still have to catch two buses to get there.”

Miss Thatcher has, in more recent years, adopted 17 animals at the zoo, including lions, tigers, an orang utan, monkeys, a lizard, owls, a ring-tailed lemur, African fighting dogs and snow leopards.

“I’ve never stopped thinking how wonderful it is and I couldn’t count how many times I’ve been back,” she said.

“There were more animals back in the early days but it’s better for the animals now because they know more about them.

“I’ve been to other zoos but they’re not as good. “When I sit and look at that castle ... there’s just something about it. And when I stand across the road and know I’m going there I still get a lovely feeling – there’s my zoo.”

Zoo has been a roaring success for last 75 years

Thousands upon thousands of people have visited the iconic attraction in the centre of Dudley watched over by the famous castle, now it celebrates 75 years

WHEN IT roared into life 75 years ago, Dudley Zoological Gardens was a worldbeater – the “most modern in Europe” with revolutionary buildings that let people get as close to the animals as possible.

West Midlanders went animal crackers for it, with 100,000 descending on Dudley in the hope of seeing creatures they had only ever been able to read about before.

Two openings were held – one on May 6, when the Earl of Dudley, owner of the 30-acre site where the 11th century Dudley Castle stands as the proud centrepiece, and local sausage butcher Edward Marsh, of Marsh and Baxter fame, proudly launched their pet project.

It was the second public opening, on May 15, when 100,000 clamoured to be let in but only around 55,000 lucky individuals actually got in. At times the queues were nearly a mile long and it was midnight before the crowds finally left Dudley.

Architects

It was constructed as a “zoo without bars” and the architects were renowned modernists – the Tecton Group, led by Russian-born Berthold Lubetkin.

They used reinforced concrete to create the distinctive, thin-walled Tecton buildings, designed to protect the welfare of the animals while meeting visitors’ demands to get a clear, but safe, view.

Since that first glimpse by eager Black Country folk of a world full of animals they had never seen before, including elephants, giraffes, sea lions, flamingos, lions and polar bears, millions have flocked to the zoo.

And it remains one of the top tourist attractions in the West Midlands, with



Big attraction – the penguin pool as it was when the zoo opened in 1937

219,000 visitors last year, and many local family albums are packed with images of days out at the zoo.

But it has not all been plain sailing. The Second World War meant food, even for humans, was scarce. West Midlanders rallied to grow fruit and vegetables to make sure the animals did not starve, although the number of animals was severely depleted by the end of the conflict. Staff began to restock after the war and the 1950s and 60s were once again halcyon days for the zoo, with attendances up.

In 1970 the Scotia leisure group bought the zoo. Among the main attractions in the 1960s were Cuddles the killer whale and Bonzo the gorilla, who died about 20 years ago aged 45. But modifications by Scotia to the dolphin and whale pools, adapted from

the seal pools, fell foul of local planning laws and the zoo was ordered to return them to their original state.

As the zoo was not prepared to invest in purpose-built pools, Cuddles was due to be moved to Flamingoland in Yorkshire but sadly died in February 1974 just three days before the transfer. The zoo went into receivership in 1977 but six months later Dudley Council stepped in to buy the zoo and it changed hands for £450,000.

Bailing

The council invested £250,000 of that but it pledged that ratepayers’ money should not be spent on bailing out the attraction.

The Dudley and West Midlands Zoological Society was formed in February 1978 as a charity, with Bristol Clifton and West of



The Earl of Dudley and Edward Marsh, 1937

England Zoological Society as the major shareholder. A massive appeal was launched, with the local press and members of the public rallying to raise money to save their zoo.

As part of this drive, during the late 1970s, readers of the Chronicle’s sister paper, the Express & Star brought an orphaned baby elephant from South Africa, supplied by Bristol Zoo, to Dudley.

Readers named the 300lb elephant Estar and it became a local celebrity. Eventually, the council was repaid its £250,000 and the balance of the purchase price covered through public donations and good house-keeping at the zoo. The council still owns the land, while the zoological society runs the attraction.

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NEWS
in briefCathedrals will
tell Bible stories

Famous stories from the Bible will be told at two Cathedrals in a series of medieval-style mystery plays later in the year.

The plays were the traditional way stories were passed on during the medieval period but the new versions will be brought up to date using modern language and music. Worcester and Gloucester Cathedrals will stage the events.

The plays will take place on December 4, 5 and 6.

Tickets for the events are £12.50 or £10 with concessions for under-16s.

Repeat music
event planned

PLANS are being drawn up for another live music event in a Midland park after the latest show proved a success.

The third Weekend in the Park at St George's Park in Kidderminster attracted hundreds of visitors and organisers want to expand the event next year.

Spike Betterton, Friends chairman, said the event on April 21 was "a major success".

Golf day to raise
funds for charity

A CHARITY golf day will raise money for two good causes in the Black Country next month.

Two teams will take place at Worfield Golf Club on June 28 for Dudley Group NHS Charity and Beacon Centre for the Blind in Sedgley. Tee off will be at 12.30pm. The cost per team of four players will be £275. For further details call 01902 880 111.

Town Hall will
show War Horse

HIT film War Horse will be screened at Stourbridge Town Hall on May 14.

The movie, directed by Steven Spielberg will be the Monday Matinee in the Wollaston Suite at 1.30pm.

Admission is £3 and includes tea and coffee. For tickets call 01384 812812.

Blood donations

BLOOD donor sessions will be held in Stourport at the Civic Centre on May 10 from 1pm to 3.30pm and 4.30pm to 7pm. Booking appointments is recommended call 0300 123 23 23.

Company
looking
to expand

A TOOLMAKING firm is set to increase its staff by more than 10 per cent and expand its production line as business booms due to the success of major car companies.

Bosses at Petford Tools in Dudley plan to take on up to 15 staff in the coming months as they spend more than £1million on two or three new machines.

The firm in Peartree Lane has invested £3m over the last five years and now operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It recently broke the £14m annual sales barrier for the first time in its 42-year history.

A £600,000 injection moulding machine from German manufacturer KraussMaffei is helping production. It is hoped two new machines will bring in an extra £2 million in business to the firm, which employs around 105 staff.

There has been growth across all areas of the business, but especially in the automotive sector where it supplies Jaguar Land Rover, Bentley, Nissan, Ford, Toyota and Aston Martin.

Technical sales manager Nick Howard said: "There seems to be plenty of interest and enquiries coming from the auto industry."

Workshops
on cancers

HEALTH workers will be helping to raise awareness of two types of cancer during a new campaign.

Teams will be talking to residents at workshops in the Dudley borough.

They will be helping people learn more about the early signs of oesophago-gastric-gullet and stomach cancer as part of the Be Clear on Cancer campaign.

The events will be held at Concord Market, Brierley Hill, May 11 and Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, May 19. Also Dudley Library on July 5. The events run 10am to 3pm.

Pupils raise cash

CHILDREN at a Dudley school raised more than £6,000 for Sports Relief.

Roberts Primary School, Lower Gornal, organised its own Sports Relief mile for children.

Event co-ordinator, Rajinder Kandola, said: "This is by far the largest amount anyone at Roberts has ever raised for a charity event."

Surprise election results
see a big swing to Labour

Staff hard at work counting the votes before the surprise result on Thursday

LABOUR has seized power in
Dudley after winning 12 seats in a
devastating defeat for the ruling
Conservative group.

The party now has a clear majority of 11 seats having previously been well behind the Tories.

Former council leader Les Jones retained his Pedmore and Stourbridge East seat with a majority of 660 but had to watch as his party suffered serious losses at the hands of Labour.

He said the party had expected to make "some losses" but not to the extent it suf-

fered. "It has been a bad night but we will now obviously have to put all of the plans that we have on hold. We will be back," he said. "We will be scrutinising everything that the new ruling Labour group does and will pick ourselves up from this. Do not count out the Dudley Conservative group."

Labour has 41 seats, the Tories have 29 and the Green party also won a seat.

A by-election is yet to be held in the Norton ward following the death of Conservative councillor Angus Adams last month.

New council leader, Labour's David Sparks, said: "Obviously I am really pleased with the result, especially because it was not

predicted by many people. It is down to lots of local councillors fighting local issues.

"I am also determined to carry out a review of how the council operates."

Among the key political scalps were former cabinet member for housing Adrian Turner, who lost his Lye and Stourbridge North seat to Labour's Tremaine Herbert. She won with a poll of 1,241 votes, a majority of 494.

Other long serving members to have lost their seats included Wordsley's Geoffrey Southall who lost out to Labour's Derek Hemingsley. Mr Hemingsley polled 1,293 votes.



Councillor Adrian Turner at the count

Dudley's mayor Councillor Michael Evans retained his seat for the party with 1,383 votes and a majority of 520.

The Green party won a council seat from the Tories in Netherton Woodside and St Andrews. Will Duckworth polled 1,525 to beat the Conservatives' Stephen Ridley.

UKIP lost its only seat on Dudley Council when Asif Ahmed of Labour received 1,321 with a majority of 189, unseating Malcolm Davis in St James's ward. Overall voter turnout was around 29 per cent.

The highest turnout in the borough at 36.01 per cent was in Pedmore & Stourbridge East.

COUNCIL RESULTS 2012

*Incumbent party

AMBLECOTE

Christine Perks (Lab) 1049
Colin Banks (Con) 932
Paul Bradley (UKIP) 474

Derek Rudd (Green) 101
Susan Lucas (LD) 100
Lab Gain. Majority 117

BELLE VALE

Donella Russell (Lab) 1362
Jennie Dunn (Con) 1044
Bill Roberts (UKIP) 361

John Payne (Green) 151
Lab Gain. Majority 318

BRIERLEY HILL

Margaret Wilson (Lab) 1334
Dan Horrocks (Con) 401
Stuart Larmer (UKIP) 365

Gordon Elcock (Green) 158
Lab Hold. Majority 933

BROCKMORE &

PENSNETT

John Martin (Lab) 1143
Susan Greenaway (Con) 485
Just Stevens (UKIP) 285

Vicky Duckworth (Green) 76
Lab Gain. Majority 658

CASTLE &

PRIORY

Margaret Aston (Lab) 1652

Simon Townend (Con) 527
Tim Byrne (UKIP) 458

Bill McCormish (Green) 83
Lab Hold. Majority 1125

COSELEY EAST

George Davies (Lab) 1366
Martin Duffield (Con) 468
Helen Wilmott (UKIP) 430

Ken Griffiths (NF) 177
Becky Blatchford (Green) 71
Lab Hold. Majority 898

CRADLEY &

WOLLESCOTE

Gaye Partridge (Lab) 1741
Colin Elcock (Con) 474
Mike Hawkins (UKIP) 383

Karl Owen (Green) 105
Lois Bramall (LD) 88
Lab Hold. Majority 1267

GORNAL

Dave Branwood (Lab) 1409
David Stanley (Con) 1136
Philip Rowe (UKIP) 876

David Blatchford (Green) 75
Lab Gain. Majority 73

HALESOWEN

NORTH

Hilary Bills (Lab) 1457
Mike Wood (Con) 1150
Stuart Henley (UKIP) 323

Simon Foxall (BNP) 107
Quira Blatchford (Green) 122

Lab Gain. Majority 307

HALESOWEN

SOUTH

David Vickers (Con) 1489
John Lewis (Lab) 1026
John Marshall (UKIP) 495

Tim Weller (Green) 192
Con Hold. Majority 463

HAYLEY GREEN &

CRADLEY SOUTH

Hazel Turner (Con) 1265
Ian Cooper (Lab) 1080
Bob Heeley (UKIP) 404

Colin Royle (Green) 146
Robert Weale (BNP) 120
Con Hold. Majority 185

K-FORD NORTH

& WALL HEATH

(2 seats available)
David Tyler (Lab) 1574
Lynn Boleyn (Lab) 1482

Dee Harley (Con) 1464
David Simms (Con) 1192
Dean Perks (UKIP) 560

Phil Wilmott (UKIP) 419
Liz Jednorog (Green) 151
Francis Sheppard (Green) 87

Lab Gain. Majority 18.

KINGSWINFORD

SOUTH

David Blood (Con) 1588
Shaz Saleem (Lab) 1097
Jenny Rudd (Green) 404

Con Hold. Majority 491

LYE &

STOURBRIDGE N

Tremaine Herbert (Lab) 1241
Adrian Turner (Con) 747
Tony Oliver (UKIP) 349

Abdul Qadus (Ind) 305
Vera Johnson (LD) 100
Dennis Neville (Green) 89

Lab Gain. Majority 494

NETHERTON, WOODSIDE

& ST ANDREW'S

Will Duckworth (Green) 1525
Mahbub Rahman (Lab) 1269
Steven Ridley (Con) 335

Craig Ingram (UKIP) 257
Green Gain. Majority 256

NORTON

PEDMORE &

Mike Attwood (Con) 1570
Michael Kelly (Lab) 801
Paul Barton (UKIP) 441

Margaret Hanson (LD) 237
Benjamin Sweeney (Green) 215
Con Hold. Majority 769

STOURBRIDGE E

Les Jones (Con) 1747
Joe Gayten (Lab) 1087
Lynette Wragg (UKIP) 386

Simon Hanson (LD) 204
Roy Sadler (Green) 162
Con Hold. Majority 660

QUARRY BANK &

DUDLEY WOOD

Bryan Cottenill (Lab) 1758
Tim Wood (Con) 476
Pam Archer (Green) 222

David Sheppard (LD) 78
Lab Hold. Majority 1282

SEDGLEY

Michael Evans (Con) 1383
Bill Etheridge (UKIP) 863
Barbara Sykes (The Labour

and Co-operative Party) 810
Donna Dodson (Green) 121
Con Hold. Majority 520

ST JAMES

Asif Ahmed (Lab) 1321
Malcolm Davis (UKIP) 1132
David Allen (Con) 396

Daniel Archer (Green) 109
Lab Gain. Majority 189

ST THOMAS

Shaukat Ali (Lab) 2143
Michael Forsyth (UKIP) 523

Daryl Millward (Con) 317
Christian Green (Green) 124

Lab Hold. Majority 1620

UPPER GORNAL

& WOODSETTON

Keiran Casey (Lab) 1220
Julian Ryder (Con) 859
Star Etheridge (UKIP) 452

Kevin Inman (NF) 123
Emma Harrison (Green) 83
Lab Gain. Majority 361

WOLLASTON &

S-BRIDGE TOWN

(2 Seats available)
Chris Hale (Lab) 1397
Ian Marrey (Lab) 1317

Nicolas Barlow (Con) 1213
Matt Rogers (Con) 1025
Glen Wilson (UKIP) 365

Pete Lee (UKIP) 353
June Collins (LD) 478
Christopher Bramall (LD) 435

Lawrence Rowlett (Green) 229
Jane Sheppard (Green) 164
Lab Gain. Majority 96

WORDSLEY

Derrick Hemingsley (Lab) 1293
Geoffrey Southall (Con) 1161
Raymond Franklin (UKIP) 412

Maurice Archer (Green) 115
Lab Gain. Majority 132

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A REPORT being considered by ministers suggests that bad teachers should be paid less than good teachers. Surely bad teachers shouldn't be paid at all.

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MAYBE the long delays at Heathrow are a fiendishly clever way of establishing whether people are who they claim to be. Anyone who cannot queue patiently for a couple of hours is clearly not British.

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I AWOKE to a strange sense of déjà vu as the Bank of England boss Sir Mervyn King explained that as the banking crisis approached, he should have done more to raise the alarm. As he put it: "With the benefit of hindsight, we should have shouted from the rooftops."

I interviewed Gordon Brown when he was prime minister and asked if he had any regrets. With hindsight, Brown explained piously, he should have done more to alert to world to the lack of regulation in the banking system.

Curious, isn't it, that they did not share their foreboding with each other and do something about it before the system collapsed? Who knows what they might have achieved by shouting from the rooftops together? Instead, both men now accept blame, not for sinning, but for failing to point out the sins of others. Behold, the art of the guiltless apology.

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A SURVEY this week reports that social mobility and the gap between rich and poor is worse in Britain than in any other western state. No surprises there. In the second half of the 20th century this country was largely run by politicians who owed their own social mobility to the grammar schools which took them from terraced streets to Oxbridge. Having benefited from the greatest aids to social mobility Britain has ever seen, those same politicians closed the grammars down. It was madness and today we are reaping the consequences.

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MEANWHILE, a young friend who is a product of one of Britain's few remaining grammar schools started work recently and was given a hard time by the office manager who insisted on calling him "posh boy". Eventually the lad stood his ground and explained: "I'm not posh. I'm clever."

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A READER admits he may be responsible for the recent downpours. He was apparently engaged in some ancient English rain-ritual involving white clothes, several pieces of wood and a red ball.

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THE European Commission says the EU gold-stars flag should fly permanently over Whitehall. Why not? They run the place.

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FIGURES released by the Ministry of Justice show that over the past 10 years the biggest increase in the rates of criminals who re-offend is among juveniles who received a community penalty. But the proportion of juveniles who re-offend after a spell behind bars has fallen significantly. In other words, whatever the do-gooders try to tell us, prison works.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Cautious welcome to waste cut bid

CAMPAIGNERS have given a cautious welcome to news a 40ft high rubbish pile towering over homes in the Black Country is going to be reduced.

Residents have been calling for action over the rubbish pile at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd in Brierley Hill since last summer – and a deadline was set for when the rubbish mound must be reduced. Bosses at the firm agreed to lower the waste

pile to 26ft at its Moor Street site.

Following talks with the Environment Agency it was agreed to reduce the mound by June 15. The agency had been seeking an injunction to stop further waste material being transported onto the firm's site where it is recycled and turned it into fuel.

But instead the two parties were able to come to an agreement prior to a High Court hearing in Birmingham last week.

Brierley Hill councillor Rachel Harris said residents had been concerned at the lack of action over the pile in recent weeks.

"I'm so pleased that we have finally got the court hearing out of the way and it has been clearly defined what Refuse Derived Fuel needs to do, how it needs to do it and when by," she said.

"The residents have had to deal with this for a while but now there is

no turning back for the firm. She added: "We just want to know that they are going to do what they say they are going to do as we have been here before."

Resident Stef Andrews, of Bague Walk, said it was good news for residents, especially with the warm weather around the corner.

"I'm just happy they have come out with some news as we didn't know what was going on," she said.

School jobs at risk as pupil numbers decline

JOBS could be at risk at a Black Country school due to a drop in student numbers, bosses have warned. Staff, governors and union officials are being consulted on the plans for the future of Leasowes Community College in Halesowen.

Lifesavers could be installed

DEFIBRILLATORS could be installed at public buildings in Dudley borough as part of a scheme backed by councillors.

They say the case of Premier League footballer Fabrice Muamba collapsing during a recent game has put the issue under the spotlight.

The plans could cost £100,000 to install about 40 machines in places such as Halesowen Leisure Centre.

Councillor Ken Turner, member for Hagley Green and Cradley South, has raised the matter with council bosses to try to move forward with the scheme.

"We all heard and were touched by what happened to Fabrice Muamba and by the role played by medical staff and doctors using a defibrillator to save his life," said Councillor Turner.

"Of course we would have to spend a lot of money but I'm sure if we could save one life then it wouldn't matter."

The machines deliver an electric shock to the heart which can help in some cases of cardiac arrest.

The idea came to light following the life-saving actions of medical staff who treated Bolton Wanderers footballer Fabrice Muamba after he collapsed.

Principal Neil Shaw confirmed redundancies were being considered as part of the proposals to restructure the specialist business and enterprise college. According to Ofsted, the school in Kent Road has 1,017 pupils, aged 11 to 16, on the roll. It employs around 145 members of staff.

Mr Shaw said: "Leasowes Community College is a happy and continually improving school due to the hard work of our teaching and support staff, school governors and committed students."

Streamline

"This year we have seen a reduction in pupil admission numbers at the college and as a result we are proposing a restructure to streamline the way we work in order to ensure we continue our excellent work with pupils and staff here."

"Unfortunately, this could mean a number of redundancies, the details of which will be made clear at the end of an ongoing internal consultation involving staff, governors and trade unions."

"At the heart of the restructure, the education and the development of our students remains as important to us as ever."

Anne Brimacombe, from the National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers, confirmed talks were taking place with the school.

"Our branch secretary is talking to the staff. We will not be able to say any more on this until after the consultation has finished."

Trip of a lifetime to Morocco



High Arcal School pupils Olivia Hawkins, aged 15, Joe Bateman and Tyler Whitehouse, who are both 14, and Paige Hickman, 15, who enjoyed a week in Morocco

STUDENTS at a Dudley school spent a week volunteering in the foothills of Morocco's Atlas Mountains.

The pupils from High Arcal School, Sedgley, helped to build paths and cleared mule trails in the village of Dar Imil.

They also visited children in the village and learned about their traditions and culture while organising games, and arts and craft workshops for residents.

At the end of the week they visited the

markets in Marrakech and were able to practice their bartering skills.

Teacher Kelly Westwood said "I was extremely proud of how hard our students worked on the path build, their behaviour was a credit to the school. Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed such an exciting experience." Pupil Tyler Whitehouse, aged 14, said: "You don't realise how good we have it in this country compared to others around the world."

Service is waiting for trust decision

THE REGION'S ambulance service has submitted its bid to gain freedom from government control to Health Secretary Andrew Lansley.

If successful, there will be elections held for governors to oversee its work.

West Midlands Ambulance Service bosses are now waiting to hear whether their application to be put among the best in the country has been approved.

A decision on its application to become a foundation trust is due later this year before it is passed to independent regulator Monitor, which has the final say.

Foundation status gives health trusts greater control of their affairs and funding as they are not directly controlled by the Government.

Bosses will have more freedom to decide how best to develop and improve local services and how they spend public money.

Five seats will be available to staff governors and 15 public members will also have the opportunity to represent constituents on the Members' Council.

Anyone interested in becoming a governor, can get further information from the membership and governor support Office on 01384 246 411 or email: foundationtrust@wmas.nhs.uk.

Places left for abseil

PLACES are still available for daredevils to take the plunge down the side of Dudley Castle.

They can abseil 45ft down the building, helped by experts.

Money from the event on May 20 will go to Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind and the Harborne-based Queen Alexandra College, which caters for blind and visually impaired students.

There is a £5 to registration fee and a minimum of £75 sponsorship per person. Call 01902 880111 or email kgullick@beacon4blind.co.uk

Volunteers call

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run an arts festival in Stourbridge.

The three-day Smartfest will run from August 10 to 12.

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in briefFriends scheme
for mental illness

A BLACK COUNTRY charity is launching a "befriending" scheme to support people with mental health problems. Dudley Mind in Stourbridge, is looking to help those who find it difficult to leave their home or socialise.

The charity is setting up its "Green Sparks" horticultural project on a half acre plot of land in Kingswinford.

To be considered for the scheme or for more information call 01384 442938 or email enquiries@dudley.mind.org.uk

Centre prepares
to hold craft fair

A BLACK COUNTRY arts centre is making final preparations for a spring craft fair and people are being urged to get in touch soon if they want to take up a stall.

The event by Netherton Regeneration Strategic Group is at the town's arts centre, Northfield Road, on May 20 from 11am to 4pm.

There will be a variety of stalls and activities. Entry is 50p. Stalls cost £20. Call 01384 813943.

Town is staging
country festival

COUNTRY music festival is being held over two days.

The Country and Western Festival will be held at Riverside Meadows, in Stourport. It has grown to become one of the biggest events in the town calendar.

The event is on August 18 and 19 and will include stalls, line dancing demonstrations and a mock fast-draw shoot-out.

New painting of
prince on show

A NEW portrait of the Duke of Edinburgh is on display.

Philip is depicted in his role as Colonel in Chief of the Queen's Royal Hussars in the oil portrait, commissioned by the regiment. Artist Jemma Phipps, said: "He was quite nice about it. He said: 'They should be pleased with that.'" It will be shown at the Mall Galleries in central London until May 18.

Rock celebration

A CELEBRATION of rock and roll music will be held in Stourport. It will take place at Riverside Meadows on June 3 from noon.

A night for
the family
at museum

THE BLACK Country Living Museum is opening after hours for Europe's Nuit des Musées event on May 19 when admission will be half price.

The museum village in Tipton Road, Dudley, will be illuminated by gas and candlelight so visitors can mingle with the costumed characters in period shops, houses and workplaces.

Families can enjoy musical entertainment including street performers, choirs in the chapel and brass bands. Children can try circus skill games, animal balloon making and face painting.

Director Andrew Lovett, said: "Events such as 'Museums at Night' are of vital importance to the museums and galleries community - encouraging new audiences and tempting first time visitors through the doors. Last year Black Country Living Museum was one of the most visited museums in Europe for this event and we hope this year will be just as memorable."

More than 1,000 museums and galleries in over 30 countries take part in the Museums at Night every year. Book tickets at www.bclm.com/bookings or call 0121 520 8054. Gates open at 6.30pm.

Crowds due
for carnival

HUNDREDS of visitors are expected in a Worcestershire town for an annual carnival.

Bewdley Carnival will be held on June 16 at 1pm. A traditional procession will take to the streets.

It will leave Hales Park, on the Cleobury Road, for its journey through the heart of the town and end at the carnival field in Stourport Road. The parade will be led by carnival princesses Lauren Watkiss, 11, Libby Hawkswell, 8, Kayla Botfield, 9, and Daisy Hughes, 5. The princesses will travel on the float at the front of the procession.

Entertainment will include a fire stunt spectacular. Call 01299 401841.

Centre is sold

REDDITCH'S Kingfisher Shopping Centre has been sold for £130 million.

It has been bought from Scottish Widows by retail property firm Capital & Regional and its capital partner Oaktree Capital Management.

Injured soldier to be part of Jubilee flotilla



Lee Bagley, 21

AN INJURED Dudley soldier is helping to crew a narrowboat as it travels from the Midlands to London to join the Queen's Diamond Jubilee flotilla.

Rifleman Lee Bagley, from Dudley, is on board Shropshire Lad which will be among 1,000 craft on the Thames for the river pageant on June 3.

The 21-year-old is joined by other wounded and injured soldiers who will crew the boat in three relays on its way to the capital.

He is facing the likelihood that

his foot will have to be amputated after it was shattered by an anti-military mob in Brecon two years ago.

Rifleman Bagley was injured as he went to help a colleague whose life was threatened when the gang repeatedly stamped on him.

He said: "I will actually be on the pageant on June 3, which is a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

"I hope the trip will be a chance for a bit of rest and recuperation, and the chance to be with a group of lads again."

Rifleman Bagley is being helped by the Personnel Recovery Unit (PRU) to prepare for a life after the army, and is working to train as an accountant.

Shropshire Lad was one of two boats, operated by the Lyneal Trust, which were given a rousing send-off from Lyneal Wharf near Ellesmere at the weekend.

Also on the Shropshire Lad as it left Lyneal was Corporal Phillip Taber, 32, from Tamworth, who is still recovering after being shot in both legs in Afghanistan.



Lee, far right, at the launch of the boats

Reluctant snipper showing
pride in 50-year tradition

A DUDLEY woman who was reluctant to follow in the family tradition of hairdressing is now celebrating 50 years of the company being a cut above. Alison Webb eventually followed in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother. She has now taken a trip down memory lane to celebrate the business trading in Wall Heath for half a century.

Speaking of her pride in what her family had established, she pledged to continue what they had started in years to come.

Alison, aged 35, bought the business, now called Elizabeth & Lee, from her mother Bonnie Thorpe eight years ago, continuing the family tradition.

The shop is now in Albion Parade but it originally started at the rear of a chemist, in High Street, in the early 1960s.

It was started by Alison's grandmother Maisie Hodgkiss and was such a success she asked her son, Paul, to get involved with the business. She cut the men's hair and he the women's.

Alison's mother started working at the firm as a Saturday girl and was responsible for washing men's hair.

Bonnie proved very popular with customers and proved a natural at hairdressing.

Then in the 1970s she took over running of the business when Paul decided to become a driving instructor. The hairdressers moved to Albion Parade in the late 1970s. Through the 80s it was known as Bonnie and Clyde and Passion.

Alison said she had originally had no plans to take over the business and had attended art college in her teens.

"My father actually encouraged me to do something else but at the age of 19 I decided I really wanted to give it a shot," she said.

"My mother and I agreed I should be trained independently so I worked elsewhere at the beginning of my career."

"I then came and worked for my mother for four years and when she decided to retire I bought the company."

"I am so proud of what my family has achieved and the success my mother made of the company over all those years."

Swing band sound

CHRIS Smith's Five Star Swing Band will perform at Dudley Concert Hall on June 18.

The show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £11. To book call the box office on 01384 812812.



Celebrating - from left, Gemma Allen, owner Alison Webb, Kirsty Gregg and Nikki Freeman



An advert for the salon which was in the Star Advertiser in 1965



Paul Hodgkiss who was the former owner of Paul's Hair Fashions

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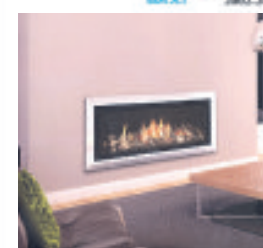
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Business loss claim over asbestos fire at car site

A Dudley business couple claim to have lost hundreds after being put out of action for a week by a blaze involving asbestos at a neighbouring car repair company.

They say action was not taken quickly enough. Melissa Taylor and her partner Adrian North allege Dudley Council and the motor company, Compton Court Motors, of Netherton, have not acted as they should have to clear the asbestos debris from the area.

Firefighters, who suspect arson, warned the couple, who run Xtreme Print Solutions from the garage at the end of their garden in Park Road, to keep away from that area until the asbestos was cleaned up.

"We have not been able to go to our garage to open up the business since the fire and have lost earnings as a result," said Miss Taylor, aged 34.

"We've had to turn down one job worth nearly £200 and we are having to carry forward £500 to £600 of business because we haven't been able to do the work."

Miss Taylor said she had complained to both the council and Compton Court Motors that the asbestos debris was still littering their garden two days after the blaze, which ripped through a garage next to the motor firm on April 25.

Harpal Singh, son of Compton Court Motors owner Amreek Singh, said work to clear the asbestos, costing £2,500, could only start after the firm received quotations - and contractors have begun the task.

"The outhouse building that caught fire wasn't insured so we have had to pay."

Tickets for Shakespeare

TICKETS have gone on sale for performances of Shakespeare's Macbeth in the Midlands.

The production will be staged in the Lady Chapel at Worcester Cathedral from October 24 to 27.

It is set to attract visitors from across the region and it is hoped Shakespeare at the Cathedral can become an annual event.

Olympic inspired music



Music teacher John Griffiths with his Olympic inspired song pack

A MUSICIAN has produced a CD of Olympic-themed songs for schools to use in projects or plays in the run-up to the big event.

John Griffiths, of Kidderminster, has put together a pack, One Dream, which contains the CD of tracks and separate lyrics which youngsters can sing in their own productions.

Mr Griffiths, aged 58, a part-time music teacher at Birchen Coppice

Primary, has been putting packs together on different themes for the past four years.

The songs are based themes, including the Olympic Dream, an athlete's anticipation for the games and the dedication of those taking part.

Schools which would like a pack are asked to contact Mr Griffiths by email on john_griff@hotmail.com

A dash for cash will aid Beacon blind centre

A SPACEHOPPER race and a shopping trolley dash will be among the activities at a sports fundraiser in aid of Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

The charity is hosting an Alternative Games and is on the lookout for teams.

It will take place on September 9 at Tipton Sports Academy and run from noon until 4pm.

Other activities include a wheelie bin race, welly wanging, pork pie throwing and a fancy dress, super hero run.

The activities will be weather permitting so there could be a slightly different schedule on the day.

Teams of six are needed and members will need to raise £100 between them for the charity. There is a £30 registration fee.

All the money raised will go to the charity, which is based in Wolverhampton Road East.

Registration forms for the event are available from the charity's website www.beacon4blind.co.uk or call the fundraising department on 01902 880111.

Fungi at event

AN EXPERT on fungi will be at the latest meeting organised by the Hartlebury Common Local Group.

The event at 8pm on May 14 at Stourport Boat Club will be led by Roy Mantle.

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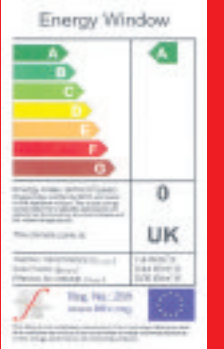
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Crazy bureaucracy in the NHS

MY WIFE is a specialist nurse at one of the large Birmingham hospitals.

Recently she asked her line manager if she could have a presentation folder to store paper work.

To which her manager said yes she can if she finds one she likes he will order it for her.

So my wife found a leather presentation folder online.

It was just under £7. So returned to her manager to ask for it be ordered, but to her dismay she was informed she cannot possibly have this one as it's not from an approved NHS supplier.

So instead she was given a beefy looking catalogue from the NHS logistics department.

She found an almost identical folder but not at not such an identical price, this folder was a little over £50 but because it was from an approved supplier they had no issues in buying it. To me this does not make sense when we are in and out of recessions and supposed NHS cutbacks.

I know this is only a small thing in the bigger picture of NHS finance but I'm sure it's happening across the board from CT scanners to uniforms.

I am also a nurse but I work in the private sector where if we find a cheaper alternative at the same quality we go ahead and buy it, without a six month paper exercise and several highly paid bureaucrats umming and arring over it.

To me this is bureaucracy gone mad and the NHS working itself into a downward spiral of financial demise.

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Horses for courses do as they are trained

LIKE millions of others worldwide, I watch the Grand National on TV.

The last time I placed a bet on a horse was more than 50 years ago.

Susie Hayward obviously is a horse lover, and I sympathise with her and all horse lovers who agree with her comments.

But, and I must stress this point, many of the horses that unseated their jockeys in the national continued to race over the fences.

Horses are trained to do their jobs. If the owners and trainers felt that allowing them to run in races like the national was harmful, would they continue to do it? And also, why do many fields all over the country have "jumps" erected in them?

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Prison luxury is no longer punishment

THEY are paying £200m for a new prison, the third one in the Featherstone area, but this latest one has five-star accommodation facilities, telephones in cells, touch screen systems to order food, paid work, would it be taxable with an NI stamp?

No buses to catch, or petrol money to find to travel to work, and all this to increase their qualifications for employment when released. What about all the law-abiding, unemployed people who already have those qualifications, and can't get a job, or will it be a proviso in a CV that they must have a prison record to be employed?

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Welfare day is welcome to solve horse problem

An RSPCA horse welfare day in Tipton has been welcomed by council chiefs in the hope it will help crack down on the number of animals left to roam.

It is hoped the day - which will include micro-chipping and a passports scheme - will help Sandwell Council in their fight to remove roaming horses from the borough.

The RSPCA day is expected to be held in the Ocker Hill Walkway and Coronation Road area of Tipton at the end of this month. The horses will be checked over by vets and they will be wormed. Following this, they will be micro-chipped and issued with passports.

The council have already employed bailiffs to seize horses which are left to roam the streets or are tethered on public land.

Safety Boss Councillor Derek Rowley hopes by offering the micro chip and passport service to Tipton horse owners it will encourage them to take responsibility for their animals.

Councillor Derek Rowley said the seizure of tethered horses is still a top priority for Sandwell Council.

Hundreds of horses have already been seized by bailiffs in the operation which began nearly a year ago.

Safety boss Councillor Derek Rowley said he hoped horse owners would bring along their animals. He said: "Legally all horses should have passports and be chipped, but we know many of them won't be." The visits to the Princes End area will be on May 30.

Event stalls up for grabs

BUSINESSES and charity groups are being urged to take a stall at an annual community event to be attended by hundreds of visitors from across the region.

Wordsley Festival will take place at its traditional home in King George V Park, off Bells Lane, on June 16 starting at 11am.

Businesses and organisations who would like a stall at the festival can contact wordsleyfestival@gmail.com or call 07582 306200.

£50m vision for town



Tesco is part of the plans for the new look Stourbridge centre

NEW images giving a glimpse of how Stourbridge will look following a £50 million redevelopment project have been unveiled.

The ageing Crown Centre in Stourbridge will be replaced by a modern Tesco supermarket and shopping complex, breathing new life into the town centre.

Dudley Council has released artist's impressions showing the entrance to the new development off Lower High Street as well as views from the ring road.

They also show how the town square, with the town clock, will be improved to make it more attractive to shoppers. One of the images, provided by Hertfordshire architects Saunders Partnership, shows the view of the development from

Coventry Street. The new Tesco store which is replacing the Crown Centre, will bring 400 jobs and a 550-space car park.

The council's director of urban environment, John Millar, said: "Now that Bell Street multi-store car park has been demolished, it is time to start looking forward to this exciting development. It is the most significant investment in Stourbridge in decades, and we are confident it will bring an increased footfall to the town."

The demolition of the Crown Centre is continuing before preparation work for a new underground car park gets under way.

It is expected to take another seven weeks for demolition work to be completed.

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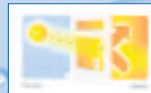
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Chuggers putting legal pressure on the council

Celebrity cycling cause



Kidderminster's Daniel Osbourne ready for the ride with Freddie Flintoff

A KEEN Midlands rider is preparing to join a charity cycle ride with sporting heroes including Andrew Flintoff and Laurence Dallaglio.

The celebrity sportsmen will be staging their own ride called Cycle Slam 2012 in honour of the London Olympics. Daniel Osbourne has been given the chance to take part through a contest run by retailer Halfords which is supporting the

event. The 26-year-old, who is originally from Cleobury Mortimer but now lives in Worcester, works as a sales manager at its Kidderminster store.

He will take part in the final stage of the event, between May 15 and 18, which takes riders through France and into the UK before they cross the line at the Olympic Stadium.

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CHARITY fundraisers are turning to the Government in their fight against Dudley Council's decision to make them carry a permit.

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Association representing the collectors, known as "charity muggers" or "chuggers", says the law does not apply to them as they do not collect cash.

But Dudley Council has ruled they must carry a licence – and the PFRA is now using a national review to argue its case.

Lord Hodgson is leading the review of the law relating to charities in England and Wales, and is due to report back to parliament by the summer.

The PFRA has enlisted Nigel Jones QC, who claims councils such as Dudley can not demand charity workers carry a licence, as they are not collecting money.

He says councils should not use Section 5 of the Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 to control touts as they would do to cash collectors.

In a report to the committee he says: "I can understand how over the passage of time councils have come to view Section 5 as a general provision."

Councillor Tim Wright, said: "The council made a decision that all charity collectors must have a street collection permit."

"The charity collectors did not pursue a judicial review, and the council's position has not changed. We are now awaiting the outcome of a review of the Charities Act."

Widower to make climb

THE WIDOWER will climb Mount Snowdon for the hospital that treated his dead wife. Donna Mansell, of Kidderminster, died aged 26 in 2010 after her body rejected the heart she received.

Now her husband, Az and three other transplant patients will take part in a trek on July 14 to raise cash for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

Mr Mansell, 32, has set up website www.donnasdream.co.uk to raise awareness of organ donation.

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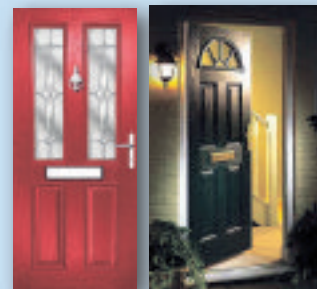
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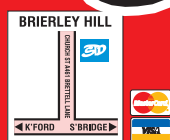
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Plans for supermarket submitted for scrutiny

THE BUILDING of a new supermarket creating 300 jobs in Dudley town centre has moved a step closer after a planning application was lodged with council chiefs.

Developers want to demolish Cavendish House in Trindle Road, which has been standing empty for the past four years.

Under the proposals, the outdated office block would be demolished and nearby land cleared to make way for the development. Residents were able to view the plans for the first time at a public consultation event held back in March.

More than 100 responses in support of the scheme were received from visitors.

Site owner Cavendish Quarter Properties Limited - a member of the Abstract Group of Companies - which has been working with Dudley Council on the proposals, has now submitted details plans.

Cavendish Quarter Properties' development director, Christopher McPherson, said: "We are delighted to announce we have submitted a planning application for a major new foodstore within Dudley town centre."

"Our recent public consultation and viewing of our plans was attended by significant numbers of local people and businesses, and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive with over 100 written responses in support of the scheme."

"This development will complement Dudley's existing retail offering by encouraging local shoppers back into the town centre," added Mr McPherson.

Chance to share £125m

COMPANIES in Wyre Forest are being urged to bid for millions of Government funding to help them expand.

Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership says the £125 million Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative could boost the county's economy.

So far £17.5m has been allocated to Worcester Technology Park, while the city's Aeromet International won £1.7m. The closing date for applications is June 13.

Louise plans hair raiser



Louise Foster gets ready for her fundraising skydive with help from her colleagues at Toni & Guy, Shaun Hodgkins and Stephanie Churns

A DAREDEVIL stylist will celebrate her 21st birthday by jumping 13,000ft from a plane to raise cash for a Black Country school.

Louise Foster, of Chillington Drive, Dudley, was asked about presents for the special occasion and said she wanted to do something out of the ordinary. The kind-hearted Toni & Guy worker decided to use the challenge to raise funds for the

Pens Meadow Special School, Stourbridge. Her 17-year-old brother Alex attends the school and she wanted to give something back to staff. The event will take place at Hinton, Oxfordshire, on May 7 and Louise has already raised nearly £500. Her colleagues at Toni & Guy, based at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Brierley Hill, have helped to raise the sum.

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Residents flee as car fire threatens homes block

RESIDENTS have told how they fled their homes and watched a neighbour leap for his life from an upstairs window as a blaze threatening to engulf their block of flats.

A car parked about four feet away from Melzer House, Queen Street, Kidderminster burst into flames and loud bangs were heard as the heat cracked windows.

People living in the flats, many in their nightclothes, fled the building and later told how they saw one man jump about 15ft from a window. They talked his partner out of jumping and she fled down the stairs.

Elaine Soley, aged 50, was staying at her sister-in-law Cheryl Harvey's flat and was reading in bed when she heard some youths go by and, a few minutes later, the curtains looked as though they were going up in

flames. "I ran out and got Cheryl and we ran outside," said Mrs Soley, formerly of Kidderminster but now living near Bournemouthe.

"We were stunned when we saw a young bloke jump out of an upstairs window on to a slanted roof and then on to the top of a van. The young woman he lives with was panicking at the window with her dressing gown on and she was going to jump.

"We told her to go back and put some shoes on and come down the stairs, which she did."

Around 12 residents fled the building, which was converted into flats from the old Bird in Hand pub. The car was gutted and firemen say that, although the cause has not been established, arson is suspected.

Fuel costs hitting service

A SERVICE that provides transport for elderly and disabled people has been forced to increase its fares by 16 per cent due to soaring fuel costs.

Wyre Forest Dial-a-Ride, which relies on donations and council grants, is charging an extra 50p per journey.

The group, which offers a door-to-door service for about 250 members, has faced funding problems.

Bosses say they have now been forced to hike the charges as fuel prices reach record levels. From today, journeys up to three miles will cost £3.50.

Passengers travelling three to five miles must pay £4. Trips over six miles

will be £6 and members with concessionary bus passes are entitled to a £1 discount.

Bosses say they are now spending more than £1,000 a month on fuel, which has almost doubled in recent years.

Budget

Worcestershire County Council provides an £18,000 annual grant but there are fears this will not continue as the authority makes budget cuts.

Dial-a-Ride co-ordinator Rob Hartell said: "We are struggling financially. The members have agreed to raise fares and this is all down to the fuel prices going up.

"We have to rely on the pump prices as we have no facilities to store the fuel.

Everybody is feeling the pinch. Our donations have fallen considerably and we are not getting as much financial support as we used to, so it is difficult."

The service was recently forced to make two part-time drivers redundant, while Mr Hartell's working week had been reduced from five to three days.

It has been hit by vandal attacks when yobs daubed graffiti on the outside walls of its shed in Brinton Park and splashed paint on a bus outside.

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£4,000 to aid charity

NEARLY £4,000 has been raised for a community project in the Black Country by staff at a supermarket.

Sainsbury's in Amblecote generated £3,900 for the Brierley Hill Project through events over the last year. Customers had voted for the charity to be supported by the store.

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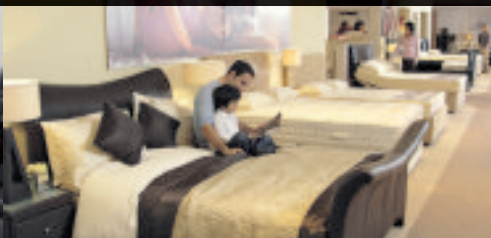
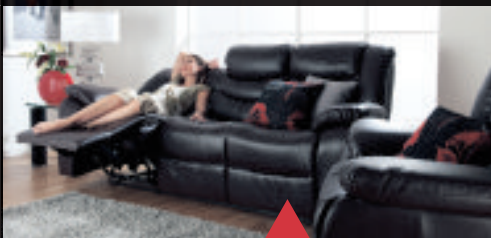
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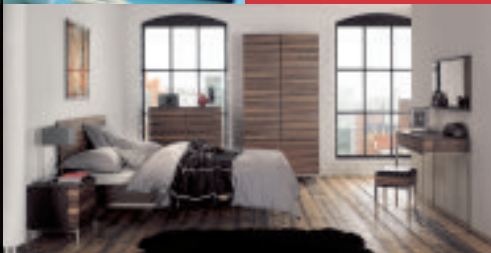
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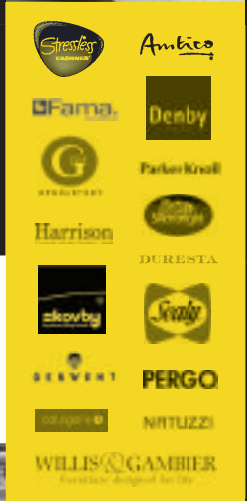
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Derelict clubhouse back on market as deal flops

A DISUSED former clubhouse in Stourbridge is back on the market after a deal for the eyesore site fell through.

Stourbridge War Memorial Club has stood empty for a decade with the building growing increasingly dilapidated through vandalism, fire and weather damage.

Last month, officials from the Lee, Shaw Partnership announced a sale for the site, in Amblecote High Street, had been agreed with only a few minor details to be finalised.

But just days after sold signs went up on the building the deal fell through leaving the former club and its surrounding lands on the market once again.

It is the second time a sale has fallen through for the site. Plans were submitted in 2009 to turn the site into a restaurant and cabaret. But the scheme floundered amid concerns it would lead to more traffic on the already busy A491.

Officials from the Lee, Shaw Partnership said it was "disappointing" the sale had fallen through but remained optimistic of finding someone to take over the site.

Spokesman James Totney said: "The sale of the war memorial club fell through shortly after the sold signs had gone up."

"However, since the site went back on the market we have had a lot of interest in the building so we are hopeful of a sale being agreed in the near future. We are talking to the interested parties at the moment and will now have to wait and see what happens after this process."

Mr Totney was unable to say why the deal had collapsed.

Fault may be cause of fire

A SUSPECTED electrical fault caused a fire inside a car at a sales forecourt in Brierley Hill. Crews said the fire developed in the dashboard of the BMW X5 at the Ex Police Car Centre, in Delph Road. Crews from Brierley Hill fire station attended the fire last week. Watch Commander Nick Lacey said rain helped stop the spread of the fire to other vehicles on the lot.

That's a neat Tiger feat



Samantha Harper, of Oakfield Close, Stourbridge, with Tyler, six, and Grace, three, stroke their tabby cat, Tiger

TIGER the tabby cat is recovering after being rescued from a very tight spot.

The moggie got stuck in a two-and-a-half inch gap between two garages near her Stourbridge home.

She was wedged about three feet into the gap. Firefighters removed some bricks from inside the kitchen of one of the houses in Oakfield Close, Amblecote, and, after being

sedated by a vet, she was pulled out.

The one-year-old cat escaped with minor injuries, and is now fully recovered and back home in Oakfield Close. Her relieved owner, Samantha Harper, aged 27, said:

"When I saw where she'd got stuck I just couldn't believe how she'd got in there. We only went out for a couple of hours and came home to find Tiger had caused havoc."

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Family enjoys a double school siblings reunion

Evening runners turn out



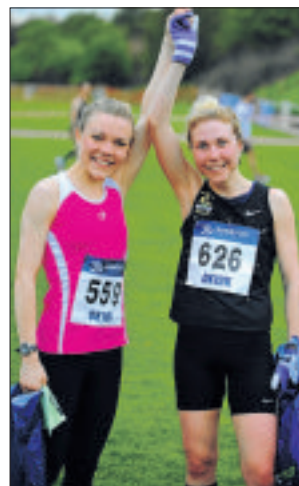
Winner Martin Williams, centre, second Ross Jones, left, and third Ian Williams celebrating after the evening race

More than 800 runners took part in a 10 kilometre evening road race through the streets of Dudley borough.

The event attracted hundreds of spectators as the competitors set off from Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club. Running clubs from all over the region were represented including the hosts Dudley Kingswinford, Tipton Harriers, Bournville Harriers and Halesowen's Cobra. Altogether, 864 runners of all ages took part.

The first to finish the race, in 31 minutes and 13 seconds was 36-year-old Martin Williams, of Tipton Harriers, followed by the same club's Ross Jones, 27, in 31m 34s. Third was Ian Williams, 31, also from Tipton Harriers, in 32m 23s. Health centre manager Sian Slade, 26, from Smethwick was the first woman home, in 39m 52s.

The second woman to finish was critical care nurse Laura Gray, 26, from Shifnal in 40m 30s.



Ladies runner up Laura Gray, left, and winner Sian Slade

FOUR members of the same family took a trip down memory lane when they returned to the Black Country school they all attended in the 1930s and 1940s.

Fred and Alice Harrison had 12 children and lived close to Tenterfields Primary School in Halesowen with 10 of them attending the school.

Four returned to their old classrooms accompanied by more than 70 other fellow family members for a get together.

They shared fond memories of family life and the grocery business, Harrison Food Supplies Ltd, that Mr Harrison set up in 1925. The business started with a single shop in Cradley Heath, but was later expanded and by 1957 he had eight shops around the Black Country and a large warehouse in Dudley Road, Halesowen.

Among the family members attending was eldest son Reginald, who is now aged 91, who brought along one of his old school reports from 1934.

His conduct was deemed "excellent" by teachers and his strongest subject was mathematics.

"It is wonderful to be back at the school again after so many years. My main memories are of the teachers throwing pencil erasers at us if we weren't behaving in class," he said.

His sister Muriel Harvey, now aged 81, attended the school from 1936 and again went on to work in the offices of the family business. They were joined by brothers Fred, aged 83, from Sedgley, and Paul, aged 76, from Wollaston.

People wanted to enter carnival floats

ORGANISERS of an annual carnival are calling on individuals and businesses to enter a float into a carnival's street parade.

Bewdley Carnival will be held on June 16 starting at 1pm with the traditional procession.

It will begin in Hales Park, Cleobury Road, before making its way through the centre of the town ending at the carnival field in Stourport Road.

People interested in entering a float or a walking group still have time to sign up and are asked to call 01299 401841 for more details.

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A jaunt for the Jubilee aims to help hospice



Head of fundraising, Janet Jones, is all set for the event

A CHARITY RUN at a Black Country park has been organised as part of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Jubilee Jaunt takes place at Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge on May 19 at 6pm and cash raised will go towards the town's Mary Stevens Hospice.

Families can take a picnic and watch a performance by the Crown Phoenix Big

Teenager is banned from the borough

A TEENAGER accused of robbing shop staff heading home from the Merry Hill shopping centre has been banned from the borough of Dudley while his case progresses through court.

The 17-year-old, from Handsworth, faces five charges of robbery between April 16 and 25.

He appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court where he was bailed with conditions to reappear on June 13.

The conditions include an electronically tagged overnight curfew (7pm until 7am) at a specified address, daily reporting to a police station, and being banned from Dudley.

Salon makes the cut

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A TEENAGER who suffers from a condition leaving her partially sighted has been awarded one of scouting's top honours with her guide dog by her side. Amy Kettle has won the Cornwell Award, the highest achievement bestowed by the Scout Association for members aged under 20.

As part of the honour the 14-year-old from Halesowen was invited to travel down with her family to meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and the Chief Scout Bear Grylls at the Annual Scouting Review.

The Earls High School pupil was nominated for the award by her 169th Quinton Scout group for taking an active role with the organisation while dealing with her eyesight problems.

"It was such an exciting day but I didn't feel at all nervous," said Amy.

Privilege

"The Queen came over to me and asked me about my time in the scouts and about Connie, my guide dog. She asked if she could stroke her, which she did. It was a real privilege to meet the Queen and Prince Philip."

During a routine eyetest when she was

around eight-years-old, experts picked up problems.

She was diagnosed with an eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa which causes damage to the retina.

Amy has regular treatment at Birmingham Children's Hospital but following further tests her family discovered she was suffering from a related mitochondrial condition called Kearns-Sayre Syndrome two years ago.



Amy Kettle

Group is looking for volunteers to do home visiting

A CHARITY has issued a plea for volunteers to boost a home visit service which provides support for people with sight loss. The group already has 38 volunteers but needs another 25 willing to give their time. The Visually Impaired People project is run by the Pocklington Resource and Information Centre, Hagley Road, Stourbridge and is into its second year of lottery funding.

The project offers company, assistance with reading and correspondence or people to accompany them on trips within their community.

Volunteers visit users either weekly or fortnightly for about one-and-a-half to two hours.

Volunteer co-ordinator, Vivien Smith, said: "Lottery funding has helped the home visiting service to develop and expand, and the project now also incorporates support for carers of those with sight loss."

"We are looking for people who have the time and willingness to help." Call Vivien Smith on 01384 440333.

There's a will to raise funds for eye charity

A LAW firm in Wyre Forest has handed over £6,625 to a charity supporting people with failing sight in the district.

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The chairman of Sight Concern's Kidderminster branch, Peter Bylett, said: "The wills promotion was a real winner."

Concert to aid school

A SPECIAL school will be boosted by a ladies' choir's annual concert.

The Ellenvale Singers from Lower Gornal will stage the event at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on May 16 at 7.30pm. The concert is raising money for Pens Meadow School and volunteer-run group, Smile, for disabled children.

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CLUB NEWS

Members visited by fire crew

Entertaining talk on Life in the 50s

QUARRY BANK TOWNSWOMEN

THERE were 23 members present at the April meeting, which began as usual with the reading and signing of the previous month's minutes.

The financial report was given. On this occasion there had been no correspondence received.

The social secretary gave information regarding the birthday dinner to be held at the Mill Hotel. The coach is to leave Quarry Bank at 6.45. Also there are a few places left on the coach to Redditch.

The guild was visited on this evening by members of the Brierley Hill Fire Service. A talk was given on the many possible fire hazards in homes, and the ways in which they can be made safer. The offer was made for visits to members' homes, where advice would be given on safety aspects, and also fire alarms fitted, all free of charge.

Several members wished to take advantage of these offers and gave names and addresses.

The guild was very grateful for the visit and the fire-fighters were thanked for a valuable, informative visit.

Next month's meeting on May 15 will be a social evening with various activities and will include a bring-and-buy sale which is hoped will be well supported.



Sylvia Aston, Jean Joyce, Elizabeth Wyatt-Garrido, speaker John Billingham, chairman Isabel Mason, vice-chairman Carol Pritchard and Sue Booker

HIGHGATE LADIES PROBUS CLUB

retired or semi-retired ladies and meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Broadway United Reform Church, Gilly Avenue, Walsall, from 10.15am.

The next meeting will be held on May 14 when the talk will be "Clothes - an Historical Perspective".

There's nothing like a dame

ACTING chairman Liz Hubbard welcomed all, particularly visitors, to a special 10th anniversary meeting.

Visitors included members from other guilds, including Wollaston.

Federation representative Ann Birchill reminded members of the arts and crafts exhibition at the Water Hall Gallery, Birm-

WORDSLEY M TOWNSWOMEN

ingham on June 28 and 29 at the same time as the AGM.

The inter-guild quiz has been brought forward from October to May 28.

An afternoon event of tea, cakes and poetry is arranged for May 30 at Wollaston

Church Hall, admission £4, while the guild will have a table at a Wordsley Green Community Centre open day on June 30.

The raffle was drawn for the patchwork quilt, made and donated by Barbara Gregory and there followed a humorous talk by Richard Westcott about his role as a pantomime dame.

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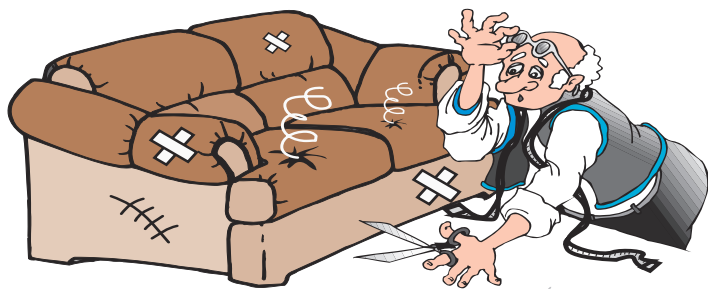


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One of the Jones's old lorries which was used to transport the fair rides



Sandra Jones wife of David with their children



One of the Jones's funfair wagons bringing the rides to site



Lisa Jones, wife of Matthew Jones with their children



One of the rides read to be unloaded and set up

Keeping up with the Jones's is proving a fair attraction

THERE may be no business like show business but the fairground, once the realm of the imagination, took its public on a fantastical voyage – 100 years before the invention of television.

Giants, dwarves, exotic animals, strongmen and bearded ladies would set up for a week on a piece of waste ground and provide entertainment to those who might never go on holiday.

The name Jones was synonymous with fairgrounds in the Black Country. In 1974, after the death of his father Ernest, David Jones took up the mantle and became the new "Guv'nor" of Jones's Fair. David inherited four grounds and soon acquired 18 more.

He also restored some of the old grounds the family had lost. David travelled around the West Midlands with waltzers, twisters and dogdams.

A showman to the core, David would arrive in his purple Jaguar, towing a 52ft purple caravan. Cherise Jones said: "My father Matthew grew

up on my granddad's fairground. They used to travel from March to November and had winter quarters in Cradley Heath. It was tough getting started in this business but my granddad would always find space for someone travelling with a ride."

Travelling

David Jones's energy found a new purpose when it became possible to permanently present an "old time fair" at Black Country Living Museum. The fairground opened in 1983 and was based on a typical 1930s travelling fair. Over the following years David painstakingly col-

lected and restored the rides, first introducing swing boats and chair-o-planes and then arcade machines including a 'Test Your Strength' machine and What the Butler Saw.

Now the fairground comprises the traditional sideshows such as coconut shy, hall of mirrors and shooting stalls, a cakewalk, a slip, swing boats and an Ark Speedway.

Cherise Jones said: "The fairground at the Museum represents 20 years of my granddad's life. He was very proud of it."

On 2 April 2008 David Jones died leaving three children and 14 grandchildren. More than 1,000 fairground folk attended the funeral, at St John's Church, Cradley, for the man known as "the fairground owner with the kindest heart".

The fourth and fifth generation of the Jones family have stepped forward and Matthew Jones, now "Guv'nor", has picked up the mantle, preserving a way of life that is near extinction. Matthew, his mother Sandra, his wife Lisa, and their six children Cherise, Licia, Rio, Shannon, Luke and Matty, enter the 21st century with all the pizzazz of the showman.



David Jones with grandchild



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Students handed a boost for fundraising

FUNDRAISING students in Stourbridge have received a £500 boost in their efforts to bring in cash to help underprivileged children in Africa.

Pupils at Oldswinford Hospital School, Heath Lane, organised a charity disco to fund teaching resources and equipment at St John's Boarding School in Uganda.

Origin Financial, Halesowen pledged £1 for every £2 raised at the event which generated a total of £1,500 after the company's contribution.

A party of Oldswinford pupils will be visiting St John's for a fortnight in June to experience the stark differences in school life and help with improving the facilities. Headmaster, Peter Jones, said, origin's donation will help our pupils to support other students.

Dancers step to awards



Hollie-Mae Titley shows off her European championship cup, while Mali Wheeler holds one of her certificates

TWO Irish dancers are jiggling for joy after carrying off top international prizes.

Hollie-Mae Titley, aged six, of Kidderminster, came first in the under-seven European championships.

While Mali Wheeler, 12, from Kinver, was 11th in

Europe and 17th in the world championships in the under-13s for Irish dancing, held in Dusseldorf, German.

Both are pupils of the Katie Collins School of Irish Dance, based in Brindley Heath Junior School, Kinver.

Access plans spark off new row on trade park

PLANS for a new £120 million business park have sparked a fresh outcry after it emerged access to one of the Black Country's busiest roads will be restricted.

Under the proposals a 66-acre site in Coseley would be redeveloped with a super-market, business units and a waste processing plant, creating 1,300 jobs under a regeneration scheme.

But it has been revealed that right turns will be banned from Sedgley Road West on to the busy Birmingham New Road towards Wolverhampton - which residents fear will cause traffic chaos.

Developers of the eco park have amended some of the planned road layout around the site to include new access lanes following complaints from residents - but they insist the Birmingham New Road restrictions will remain. Bosses say they want to encourage drivers to use a new link road through the site

by Adam Burling

and free up traffic in the area. But Carla Ward, who lives nearby in Thunderbolt Way and has led a campaign against the development, said: "Most hours of the day there are a minimum of five to ten cars queuing just to turn right, more at rush hour."

"To merge the straight-on traffic with this traffic will only act to snarl up what is already a busy and relatively narrow road."

Inconvenient

"In addition to this, the removal of other right turn lanes at this junction will be very inconvenient for daily road users in this area."

Spokesman for site owners Skelton Group Investments, Simon Lawrence, said explained the scheme. He said: "It's all about improving traffic flow. The existing junction is just not suitable for handling the increase in traffic that we expect from having new businesses at the park."

Family is holding quiz for hospital

THE FAMILY of Halesowen heart transplant teenager Jasmine Page is organising a quiz to raise cash for the hospital where she received life-saving surgery.

They are appealing to residents to take part - and for businesses to donate prizes. The Jubilee Family Quiz is being held at Benjamins, Birmingham Street, Halesowen, on June 1 at 6.30pm.

Jasmine was 12 when she suffered a heart attack at Halesowen's Windsor High School and was the first heart transplant patient at Birmingham's Children's Hospital in January last year. Since then her family, including her aunt and TV personality Alison Hammond, have been raising money towards a new £35,000 life support machine. Tickets are available at Benjamins on 0121 602 0202 or on 07803 580232.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Results were a reflection of the frustrations people felt

THE LOCAL election results on May 3 were very disappointing for the Conservative Party in my constituency and in Dudley as a whole.

Conservative councillors Sue Greenaway (Brockmoor and Pensnett), Denise Harley (Kingswinford North and Wall Heath) and Geoff Southall (Wordsley) were defeated and Labour control Dudley Council for the first time since 2004.

The one bright spot was Councillor David Blood's re-election in Kingswinford South. Sue, Dee and Geoff have all worked tirelessly for their residents over the years and did not deserve to lose their seats.

Contrast

I don't think the results last week are a reflection on their efforts or on Dudley residents' view of the work of Dudley Council which, in nine years of Conservative control, rose from a two star to a four star rated authority and kept council tax increases to a minimum, in contrast to the previous Labour administration.

Rather, I think last week's results are a reflection on Dudley residents' frustrations with the Government in London.

Time and again over the past few weeks whilst talking to voters on their

**Dudley South
Conservative MP Chris
Kelly takes the stand in
our weekly Chronicle
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doorsteps, local people have raised issues from the tax changes in the budget, the failure to deport Abu Qatada, the furore over Jeremy Hunt and the Murdoch's handling of the potential fuel strike.

Dudley residents clearly want the Government in Westminster to raise its game and to govern effectively and competently.

They want the Prime

Minister to focus on fixing the economic mess left by Labour rather than on peripheral issues such as House of Lords reform.

In order to make their frustration clear, many people who would normally vote Conservative either stayed at home or voted for UKIP last Thursday.

They did so in order to send a message to the Government that they elected in May 2010 to get a grip and

start doing better. Be in no doubt that I have heard them loud and clear, that I share many of their frustrations and that I — as a Eurosceptic Conservative MP who voted for an EU referendum — will, as ever, not be shy in sharing the views of the people who elected me with Government Ministers in Westminster over the next few weeks.

I congratulate Councillor David Sparks and his colleagues on their victory in Dudley, and I will continue to work closely with the Council in order to help improve the lives of residents in Dudley South.

It is a big responsibility to govern our area and I wish them all the best in tackling the challenges that lay ahead for them.

For my part, I will continue to press the Government to tackle the issues which the people who elected me care most about — fixing our economy and encouraging job creation and growth, making sure local businesses have access to credit, reducing immigration and welfare dependency and rewarding hard working families who play by the rules.

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BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT - THE LIVE FINAL

ITV1, 7.30pm

After seven rounds of auditions and five semi-finals, the national talent search comes to a close as the 10 finalists perform one more time. Their aim: to follow in the footsteps of previous winners Paul Potts, George Sampson, Diversity, Spelbound and Jai McDowall and win a slot at the Royal Variety Performance, as well as getting their hands on the £500,000 cash prize. All they have to do is impress the voting public, for while Simon Cowell and his fellow judges may be poised with their buzzers, their opinion tonight counts for nothing - who wins is all down to the viewers at home.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wigan Warriors v St Helens (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **4.45** Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.10 The Voice UK. Team Tom and Team Will take the stage again, and the stakes are even higher as tomorrow each group of four will face a double elimination, leaving the mentors with two acts each. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.25pm.

7.45 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

8.40 Casualty. Dylan and Sam come to an uneasy truce.

9.30 BBC News: Weather.

9.50 FILM: The Proposal. (2009) Premiere. A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from the US bribes her assistant to marry her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock; National Lottery Update.

11.35 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Alexander Armstrong. (R)

12.20 Film: Things to Do Before You're 30. (2004) Comedy drama, starring Dougray Scott. **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Film: Picnic. (1955) Drama, with William Holden. **2.10** Film: Bye Bye Birdie. (1963) Musical, starring Dick Van Dyke. **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** Antiques Road Trip.

6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. The competition heats up as the winners of the keyboard, brass, strings, woodwind and percussion categories perform in front of the panel of judges in the semi-final.

7.30 Dad's Army. Jones's reputation is tarnished by an old comrade's allegations about their time together in the Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

8.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. The enduring success of the chat show, charting how the format has entertained and influenced the British public. With Michael Parkinson, Terry Wogan and David Frost. (R)

9.00 I Love 1979. Bo Derek presents a nostalgic look at the year notable for such cultural highlights as stretch jeans, Quadrophonia and The Dukes of Hazzard. Last in the series. (R)

10.00 Top of the Pops: 1977. With Slade, Leo Sayer and Donna Summer. (R)

10.35 FILM: Cabaret. (1972) Oscar-winning musical, starring Liza Minnelli.

12.35 Film: Carry On England. (1976) Military comedy, starring Kenneth Connor. **2.00** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.35** Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) Comedy, starring Sid James. **3.15** Film: Dr No. (1962) James Bond spy thriller, starring Sean Connery. **5.20** Regional News; Weather. **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** Keith Lemon's LemonAid.

6.30 The Cube. Olympic gold medalists Denise Lewis and Sally Gunnell each compete in up to seven challenges, hoping to win cash for charity. Phillip Schofield presents. Last in the series.

7.30 Britain's Got Talent - The Live Final. The 10 finalists compete as the talent show comes to a close. The judges are on hand with their buzzers, but the ultimate decision rests with the voting public. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather. **10.15** FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) The crooks reunite when an old enemy demands they pay back the money they stole from him three years earlier. Crime caper sequel, with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.

12.25 The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.30** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** European Rallycross. **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.30** T4: Koko Pop. **10.05** T4: Dark Shadows: T4 Movie Special. **10.40** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News. **6.30** 4thought.tv. A member of the public reflects on whether people should be allowed to use medical techniques to 'design' their babies.

6.35 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. (2001) An unassuming hobbit must destroy a magical ring before it falls into evil hands. Part one of the fantasy trilogy, with Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin and Christopher Lee.

10.00 FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) An underworld courier transports the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova.

12.00 Rude Tube: Love Bytes. (R) **1.00** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.45** Film: The Fisher King. (1991) Drama, with Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges. **4.05** Smallville. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** War Hero in My Family. (R) **1.45** Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris. **4.10** Film: Return of the Seven. (1966) Western sequel, starring Yul Brynner, Robert Fuller and Warren Oates.

6.00 5 News Weekend. **6.05** Ben Hur. A Jewish prince betrayed by his Roman friend and sold into slavery seeks revenge. Historical drama, starring Joseph Morgan, Ray Winstone and Stephen Campbell Moore. (R)

9.30 CSI: NY. Parts of a dismembered body are discovered on four street corners, triggering an investigation that eventually leads Mac and the team to suspect Russian mobsters may be responsible.

10.30 Live Boxing: Kid Galahad v Josh Wale. Coverage of the bout for the WBC International Super Bantamweight title at the Hillsborough Leisure Centre in Sheffield.

12.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and autowheel. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.35 Holiday Showdown **4.35** One Direction: A Year in the Making **5.35** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **7.30** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **9.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals **9.45** Nicki Minaj: The Hot Desk **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent Final **11.00** Celebrity Juice **11.45** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3
2.55 Wycliffe **4.00** Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle (2003). Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury and Fionnula Flanagan. **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings v Delhi DareDevils. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.30** Film: Jaws (1975)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **8.05** Top Gear **9.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.00** Film: Con Air (1997). Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich and Steve Buscemi. **11.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Parkinson: The Orson Welles Interview **11.40** Do We Really Need the Moon?

E4
3.05 Made in Chelsea **4.10** Charlie's Angels **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: The Beach (2000) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 Carry On Cabby (1963) **4.35** Mighty Joe Young (1998) **6.45** The Princess Diaries (2001). Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. **9.00** John Tucker Must Die (2006) **10.45** Inglourious Basterds (2009)

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ITV1, 8pm

This time, Vera and DS Joe Ashworth are called to an army barracks, where they team up with Military Policewoman Shep. The body of commanding officer Devaney, known as Dev for short, has been found, and although it initially appears he's committed suicide, a closer inspection of the scene reveals he was murdered – but who wanted him dead? Vera decides Dev's close friends and loyal comrades Vince and Budgie may hold the key, although a link to Ollie, a soldier killed in Afghanistan, could also prove valuable as the net closes in on a murderer who may have been responsible for more than one death. Barbara Marten and Clare Calbraith guest star.

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. (R) **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Exmoor.

7.25 The Voice UK Results. Tom Jones and William Jose two more acts each.

8.00 Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury continue the wildlife event following newborn baby animals across the world, from lion cubs in Kenya to bears in Minnesota. Continues Wednesday.

9.00 Death in Paradise. A voodoo priestess is found dead after predicting her own murder – and while the team thinks her prophecy has come true, Richard believes it is simply an old-fashioned killing. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights from the final day of the Premier League season.

12.00 Film: Perfect Creature. (2006) Vampire thriller, starring Dougray Scott and Saffron Burrows. **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **12.45** Film: North West Frontier. (1959) Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall, Kenneth More, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde White. **2.50** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves. (Kick-off 3.10pm). **5.15** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. Clemency Burton-Hill and Josie D'Arby present as the three finalists perform a concerto of their choice with the Northern Sinfonia at the Sage Gateshead. Last in the series.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. The adventurer travels from the south of Kenya to the Horn of Africa, along the way joining a Ugandan peace-keeping force in Mogadishu, the capital of war-torn Somalia.

9.00 Coast. New series. Investigating the lifestyles, history and legends of Britain.

10.00 The Lost World of the Seventies. Profiles of four colourful public figures in the 1970s.

11.00 Episodes. The sitcom Pucks! premieres in America. (R)

11.30 Grandma's House. Simon arranges a visit to the therapist for Grandma. (R)

12.00 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.40** BBC News. **4.15** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** The Cube. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Murder. She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Regional News: Weather.

6.15 ITV News: Weather.

6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street's Samia Ghadie takes on former castmate Bill Tarmey. Last in the series.

7.30 Emmerdale. Zak is sectioned under the mental health act, and Lisa is forced to tell a shocked Debbie the truth about Cain's attack.

8.00 Vera. The detective investigates a suspicious death in an army barracks that was designed to look like a suicide, and uncovers a traumatic event that nobody wants to talk about.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 David Jason's Greatest Escapes. The actor examines wartime escapes that inspired films and dramas. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals.

12.10 The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.10 Sall Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** FIA GT1 World Championship. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Fraser. (R) **9.30** Fraser. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** Film: Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Time Team.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. A short film exploring views on whether technology should be used to determine the characteristics of genetically designed babies.

7.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Singer Peter Andre takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity.

8.00 FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon. (2009) Premiere. Vampire Edward leaves his human girlfriend Bella for her own safety, driving her into the arms of a werewolf. Romantic fantasy, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

10.35 FILM: Because I Said So. (2007) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Diane Keaton.

12.25 Film: Uski Roti. (1970) Drama, starring Garima and Gurdeep Singh. **2.20** The Birthday. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.05** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.00** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.00** Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. **1.45** Film: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, with Sandra Bullock. **3.55** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **5.35** Film: The Witches. (1990)

7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks.

9.55 5 News.

10.00 FILM: The Bone Collector. (1999) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

12.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.40 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Britain's Got Talent Special **4.25** Britain's Got Talent – The Live Final **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent Final **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)

ITV3

2.55 Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) **4.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: The American President (1995) **10.20** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Rajasthan Royals v Pune Warriors and Kings XI Punjab v Deccan Chargers. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Police Academy (1984) **11.00** Film: The Kingdom (2007)

BBC THREE

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.25** Film: 101 Dalmatians (1996) **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA **9.50** Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC FOUR

7.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2010 **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Grand Prix: The Killer Years **10.00** Film: Apocalypse (2006)

E4

3.35 Glee **4.35** 90210 **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **6.35** Film: The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** Made in Chelsea

FILM4

2.50 The Hindenburg (1975) **5.15** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008). Fantasy adventure, starring Freddie Highmore. **7.05** The Truman Show (1998). Media satire, starring Jim Carrey. **9.00** Trading Places (1983) **11.20** Dead Man's Shoes (2004)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.30 BBC World News, 12.00 Daily Politics, 1.00 Nature's Top 40, (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant, (R) 2.15 Weakest Link, (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under, (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Christmas, 4.30 Dog It, (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, (R) 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Antiques Road Trip, 7.30 Great British Menu, 8.00 Mark Zuckerberg: Inside Facebook, (R) 9.00 The 70s, 10.00 Sounds of the 70s, 2.00 Guilty Measures, 10.00 Will Self's The Tiger, 2.00 News, 10.00 Weather, 11.20 The World, 11.40 Portillo's Great Euro Crisis, (R) 12.20 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

TV-14 6.50 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News; Weather, 1.55 Regional News; Weather, 2.00 60 Minute Makeover, 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal, (R) 3.59 Regional Weather, 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme, (R) 4.30 The X Factor, 5.00 Regional News, 6.30 ITV News, 6.45 The Restaurant, 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 Coronation Street, 8.00 The Dales, 8.30 Coronation Street, 9.00 56 Up, 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather, 10.30 Super Regional News; Weather, 10.35 Film: The Interpreter, (2004) Political thriller, (PG) 11.00 The Bill, 11.30 The Bill, 12.00 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines, 3.00 Champions League Weekly, 3.25 ITV Nightscreen, 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show, (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 9.30 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 10.00 The Location. (R) 11.00 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.20 Glamour Puds. (R) 12.50 Film: Escape to Athena. (1979) Star Wars: The Force Awakens. (2015) 1.00 Moore. 3.00 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughttv. 8.00 Watching the Detectives: The Case of William Bristow. (2015) 8.30 10.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 11.50 Random Acts. 11.55 Film: Road, Movie. (2009) Premiere. Comedy Drama, starring Adam. (2009) 1.40 Film: Peggy Sue Got Married. (1986) Comedy. (R) 2.10 Film: Turner. 3.25 F.28 (R) 3.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Smallville. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 LIVE with 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Highland Emmerdale. (R) 12.45 Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The 5.00 News. 2.30 The 5.00 News. 2.55 The 5.00 News. (2009) Mystery Thriller, starring Elisabeth Rohm. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 World's Craziest Weather. (R) 5 News at 7.00. 8.00 The 5.00 News. 8.30 The 5.00 News at 8.30. 9.00 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. 10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.25 Film: Quarantine. (2008) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Jennifer Carpenter. 1.05 SuperCasino. 1.30 House of Cards. (R) 4.20 HomeBusters. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R)
10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R)
BBC News; Weather. 1.00 Robbed. Raided.
Reunited. 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News
Weather. 12.15 Escape to the Country. (R)
BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45
Doctors. 2.15 Bang to the Country. 3.00 BBC
News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15
Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional
News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show.
7.30 News. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30
Solos City. 9.00 Silk. New series. Martha defends
a gangster accused of blinding a car-wash
attendant. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News;
Weather. National Lottery Update. 10.35 The Matt
Lucas Awards. 11.10 Kevin Bridges: What's the
Story? (R) 11.40 The Big Bang Theory. 12.15
12.15 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) 1.15 Super
Smart Animals. (R) 2.15 Horizon. (R) 3.15 Great
British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road
Trip. (R) 4.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Nature's Top 40. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 3.30 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Epguards. 6.30 Antiques Road Trip. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 The Town Taking on China. 9.00 Great Ormond Street. The work of two surgeons in the heart of London. 10.00 The Great British Bake Off. — with Joos Holland. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 The 70s. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.55 BBC Learning Zone.

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R 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Answered to Jim.
R 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. **R** 8.30
Frasier. **R** 9.00 Secret Millionaire Ireland. 10.00
The Bill Engvall Show. **R** 11.00 The Bill Engvall
Restoration Man. **R** 12.00 Channel 4 News
Midday Summary. 12.05 Irish River Cottage Bites. **R**
12.20 Glamour Puds. **R** 12.55 Film: The
Professionals. (1966) Western adventure, starring
Burt Reynolds and John Wood. **R** 1.00
4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine With Me.
R 6.00 The Simpsons. **R** 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00
Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughtv tv. 8.00
The Bill Engvall Show. **R** 8.30
Hidden Talent. 10.00 Sex, Lies and Rinsing Guys.
11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. **R** 12.10 Random
Acts. 12.15 Poker. 12.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.45
Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.10 The Grid.
2.15 The Bill Engvall Show. **R** 2.45
World Championship. **R** 4.00 Film Superbike
World Championship 2012. 4.25 Road to London
2012: Paralympics Extra. The different varieties of

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake 9.15 The Wright Stuff, 11.00 LIVE News, 11.30 News, 12.00 News, 12.30 Emergency, (R) 12.45 Mexican Food Made Simple, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 Law & Order, (R) 3.15 Film: Sacrifices of the Heart (2007) Drama, starring Melissa Gilbert. 5.00 News at 5, 5.30 News Update, 6.00 Home and Away, (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30, 7.00 Dirty Great Machines, (R) 5 News Update, 8.00 War Hero in My Family, 5 News at 9, 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, 10.00 CSI: NY, (R) 10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, 11.00 CSI: SuperCasino, 3.55 House Doctor, (R) 4.20 HouseBusters, (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS, (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Robbed, Raided, Reunited. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Heir Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Regional News. Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 Regional News. 8.00 BBC News. 8.30 Regional News. 8.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National. Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Film: Cast Away. (2000) Drama, starring Tom Hanks; National Lottery. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.35 The 70s. (R) 2.35 Great Ormond Street. (R) 3.35 Chaplains. Angels of Mercy. (R) 4.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.30 Daily Politics, 1.00 See Hear, 1.30 Instant Restaurant, (R) 2.15 Weakest Link, (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under, (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers: Best of British, (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, (R) 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Antiques Road Trip, 7.30 Great British Menu, 8.00 Antiques Uncensored, 9.00 Felicity Kendal's Indian Shakespeare Quest, 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired, 10.30 Newsnight; Weather, 11.20 The Town Taking on China, (R) 12.20 BBC News, 3.20 BBC Learning Zone.

TV11 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News: Weather, 1.55 Regional News: Weather, 2.00 6.00 Minute News: Weather, 2.30 The Daily Mail (R), 3.00 Regional Weather, 4.00 Rosemary's Baby, 5.00 The Chase, 6.00 Regional News: Weather, 6.30 ITV News: Weather, 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 The Unforgettable Noelle Gordon, 8.00 Lewis, 8.30 ITV News at Ten, 9.00 The Bill, 9.30 News: Weather, 10.35 My Dad Is a Woman?, 11.35 Total Emergency, (R) 12.30 Jackpot247: ITV News Headlines, 2.30 Film: All Creatures Great and Small, 4.47 A Veterinary Drama, starring Simon Ward, 4.00 ITV Nightscene, 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 The Hoobs. (R) 705 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Secret Millionaire Ireland. 10.00 Location, Location. 11.00 The Restaurant. 11.30 The Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 SuperScripters. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York. 3.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 4.00 Deal. 5.00 Comedy Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 7.00 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Thursday 10.00. 8.00 Secret Eaters. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 The Killing. 10.55 2 Broke Girls. 11.30 Desperate Housewives. 12.30 The 11th Hour. 1.00 The Great Escape Festival 2012. 1.05 Music on 4. 1.45 The 11th Hour. 2.00 The 11th Hour. 2.30 Spotlight. 1.20 Music on 4. 4:Play: Spector. 1.30 Music on 4. 4:Play: We Are Augustines. 1.45 Music on 4. Mercury Prize Sessions: King Charles. (R) 1.50 Music on 4. 2.00 The 11th Hour. 2.30 Music on 4. (R) 2.10 Music on 4. The Crush. 3.05 Smallville. (R) 3.50 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.45 Emergency (R) 12.45 Mexican Food Made Easy (R) 1.45 5 News. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: Defending Our Kids: The Julie Posay Story. (2003) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Annie Potts. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. 6.30 5 News Super. 7.00 The Game Show: World Tour. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. 9.00 NCIS. 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.55 Poker: The Big Game. 12.00 Doctor. (R) 4.20 HouseBusters. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

Thursday

BBBC1 6.00 Breakfast: 9.15 Her Hunters. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Robbed, Raided, Ripped. 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News. 12.00 Weather. 12.15 Regional Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News. 2.00 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 The Big Bang Theory. 8.00 Planet Earth Live. More animal antics as-it-happens. 9.00 New Tricks. DNA testing helps identify a body found in 1996. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This Week. 12.20 Holiday Home. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. Tax - Panorama. (R) 12.55 Countryside. (R) 1.55 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 2.55 Modern Spies. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2 12.00 *Daily Politics*. **1.00** *Nature's Top 40*. (R) **1.30** *Instant Restaurant*. (R) **2.15** *Weakly Link*. (R) **3.00** *Wanted Down Under*. (R) **3.45** *Hairy Bikers' Road Trip*. (R) **4.30** *Flora and Ue*. **5.15** *London 2012: The Olympic Flame Handover*. **6.00** *Eggheads*. **6.30** *Antiques Road Trip*. **7.30** *Great British Menu*. **8.00** *Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry*. **9.00** *The Great Euro Cash with Robert Peston*. **10.00** *Newsnight's House*. *Tanya and the Philanthropist*. **10.30** *Flora and Ue*. **11.00** *For him, 10.00* *Newsnight*. *Weather*. **11.20** *The Town Taking on China*. (R) **12.00** *BBC News*. **4.00** *BBC Learning Zone*.

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Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 The Bill Engvall Show. Location: (R) 9.30 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 SuperScrimpers. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York and Salisbury. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 The Big Bang. 5.00 The Big Bang. Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollywood Movie. Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughtTV. 8.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 9.00 The Hoarder Next Door. Stellos Kiosses helps extreme clutter busters and rebuilds homes. (R) 10.00 Channel 4 News. 10.15 Channel 4 News. 10.20 Random Acts. 12.15 Sex, Lies and Rinsing Guys. (R) 1.10 Watching the Detectives: Channel 4 Dispatches. (R) 2.05 Extreme A&E. (R) 3.00 The Bill Engvall Show. Location: (R) 3.30 The Bill Engvall Show. Location: (R) 4.25 A Guide to Taking a Photo. (R) 4.25 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Robbed, Raided, Reunited. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Radio 4. 2.00 News. 2.45 Doctors. 3.15 Escape to the Country. 3.30 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 World's Best. 9.00 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. 9.30 Not Going Out. Lucy and Lee aim to answer an age-old question. Last in the series. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National. Lottery. 11.25 EastEnders. 11.35 News; Weather. 12.10 EastEnders. 2.05 Question Time. 4.10 Sign Zone. Silk. (R) 3.00 Question Time. (R) 4.10 BBC News.

12.00 Daily Politics. **1.00** Hands on Nature. **(R) 1.30** Instant Restaurant. **(R) 2.15** Weakest Link. **(R) 3.30** Wanted Down Under. **(R) 3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **(R) 4.30** Flog It! **(R) 5.15** What You Where Your Mouth Is. **(R) 6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Coast. **(R) 8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Maestro at the Opera. **10.00** Episodes. Matt buys Sean the sports car of his dreams in an effort to win back his ex-girlfriend. **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. **11.00** The Review Show. **11.45** Weather. **11.50** Later with Jools Holland. **12.55** Taken. **(R) 2.20** BBC News. **4.15** Close.

TV14 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 6 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.58 The Big Reveal. (R) 4.58 The Big Reveal. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Poms in Paradise. 8.30 The Bill. 9.00 Piers Morgan's Lie Stories. 9.30 Lulu. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Raw Deal (1986). Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. 12.30 The Store. (R) ITV News. 1.00 The Bill. Film: The Day After Tomorrow. Action thriller, starring Jet Li. 4.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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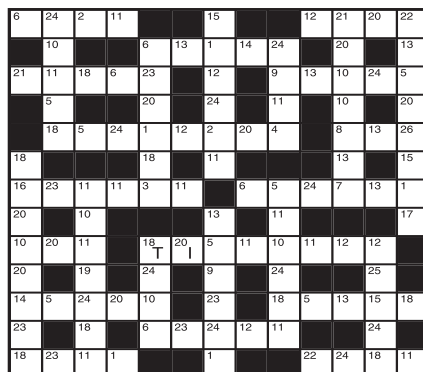
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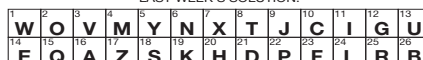
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4. Showing variations in texture, like mended clothing (6)
9. Forebodings before emotional feelings? (13)
10. Go in for the competition again (2-5)
11. Article by me may be developed into variations (5)
12. As patterns they often need to be filled in (5)
14. Distort the remainder, we hear (5)
18. District without hills, lacking beauty (5)
19. Shocking rows before Edward is defeated (7)
21. Drill manuals? (8-5)
22. Make things more difficult for the plumber? (6)
23. Harmony in sound, maybe? Not quite (6)

Quick Clues:

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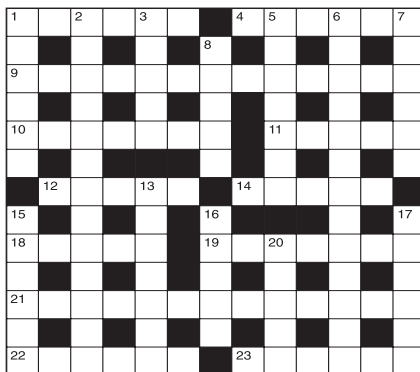
1. Bosom (6)
4. Inhuman (6)
9. Eggheads (13)
10. Delight (7)
11. Result (5)
12. Sham (5)
14. Begin (5)
18. Train (5)
19. Denial (7)
21. Obliging (13)
22. Make certain (6)
23. Heavenly body (6)

Down

1. Take one's leave of French section (6)
2. Old Testament philosophy involving the interchange of seers? (2,3,2,3)
3. Carry out a put-up job - that's straight (5)
5. Give me a term to make a piece of electrical apparatus (7)
6. Talks over sanctions having broken down (13)
7. They lack initiative, though they are positive in their asser-tions (3-3)
8. Begin to make an involuntary movement (5)
13. Restrict the move-ments of Maclean somehow (7)
15. Don't contract to provide a sumptuous feast (6)
16. Part of Alberta was hopelessly flooded (5)
17. No pretentious air is raised by the inventor (6)
20. Hood for a bird (5)

Down

1. Span (6)
2. Excesses (13)
3. Dense (5)
5. Go back (7)
6. Sin (13)
7. Reduce (6)
8. Intended (5)
13. Plotter (7)
15. Graze (6)
16. Earlier (5)
17. Slender (6)
20. Weak (5)



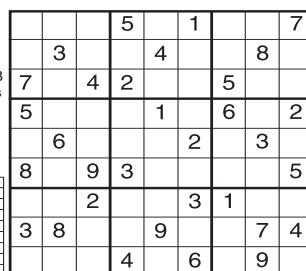
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Phrenologist; 7 Madly; 8 Toner; 9 Mat; 10 Thatcher; 11 Uphill; 12 Sandra; 15 Aftermath; 17 Act; 18 Otter; 19 Piton; 21 Unreasonable. Down: 1 Perambulator; 2 Nod; 3 Layman; 4 Gate-crash; 5 Sense; 6 Press attache; 7 Match; 10 Tolerance; 13 Drawn; 14 Cam-pus; 16 Titan; 20 Tin. QUICK - Across: 1 Condemnatory; 7 Sweet; 8 Egg on; 9 Owe; 10 Persevere; 11 Repays; 12 Joyous; 15 Posthaste; 17 Din; 18 Eaves; 19 River; 21 Preservative. Down: 1 Cartographer; 2 Ere; 3 Nature; 4 Therefore; 5 Rogue; 6 Unreasonable; 7 Sleep; 10 Psychosis; 13 Olden; 14 Usurer; 16 Sever; 20 Via.

Sudoku

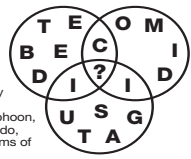
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark? LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is N. Typhoon, tsunami, tornado, all extreme forms of weather.



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Based in the High Street, the restaurant has won plaudits galore since it was founded by former teacher Sadig Miah in 2009. Combining contemporary d'cor and innovative menus, Mr Miah has transformed a rundown venue into one of the Black Country's leading destinations for excellent food and service.

The most recent prize is The Best of Stourbridge's most loved local business award - it was also rated among the top 100 in the UK. In 2011, Kaben was lauded by the Bangladeshi Caterers Association as offering the best catering in the West Midlands.

Since opening three years ago, the restaurant's reputation has grown through word of mouth recommendations and Mr Miah has worked hard to develop links with the local community. Kaben currently sponsors three football clubs including Stourbridge FC and provided the catering at the Glassboys FA Cup second round tie against Stevenage Borough - a change from the traditional sausage rolls and sandwiches!

Flexibility is the key to continued success at Kaben, who are happy to adapt dishes to suit diners' tastes, including healthy alternatives. Indeed, this summer, Mr Miah will be launching a delicious range of low fat options.

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The top property guide for Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Kidderminster



A lengthy driveway leads to the property and a private courtyard

A country estate which has a £1.2m price tag

JUST under £1.2 million – that's the asking price for this small country estate at Button Bridge, Bewdley in Worcestershire.

Southall Farm, on the market for £1,195,000, sits in around 11 acres with glorious views and extensive accommodation including a character farmhouse, linked cottage, leisure and office annexes plus valuable outbuildings.

Set well out of sight from the road, the property has an impressive electric wrought iron gated entrance with lengthy driveway leading to the property and continuing into a private courtyard.

Ideal for an extended family, the farmhouse itself has 3/4 bedrooms, two bathrooms and three reception rooms, while the cottage has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, kitchen/diner and utility/WC.

There is also a splendid games room and leisure area - 35ft by 14ft – with exposed beams and space for a full size snooker table and bar area, plus a separate linked annex with office and sauna with shower and changing room.

Parkland

With around four acres of formal parkland gardens to the front of the property interspersed with mature trees and shrubs, the land is bordered in part by a brook and has been planted with more than 3,000 trees by the present owners.

Behind the property lies a further six acres of pasture and various outbuildings, notably a pair of dry covered barns (each 64ft by 51ft approximately) and Dutch barn (74ft by 35ft) providing over 9,000 sq ft of storage, easily adaptable for equestrian needs or a host of other business or leisure related interests.

There are no near neighbours in what is a private setting, but Bewdley is less than 10 minutes drive away, and Birmingham city centre some 26 miles in the distance.

Contact Allan, Morris and Jones on 01562 747755 for more details.

A spacious and split level home for £295,000



The home is on the market with Taylors, priced £295,000. **A VERY spacious and individual three bedroom detached house in Sandyfields Road, Sedgley, is for sale with an asking price of around £295,000.**

With a large garage, the property enjoys panoramic views and is situated in a sought-after area, having been constructed to an exacting specification by the original owner in the 1980s.

The agents say that the split-level design includes a former music room over the garage offering the potential for a large third reception room or the creation of a granny suite, subject to regulations.

There is also the possibility of sub-dividing the front bedroom to provide four bedrooms to the first floor.

On the ground floor is an imposing reception hall, an elegant lounge measuring 16ft 9in by 14ft 2in with brick fireplace with quarry tiled hearth, polished timber mantel and display shelves and a dining room.

Dishwasher

The kitchen, 12ft 10in by 10ft 1in, has cottage-style ceiling beams, range of wall and base units with integrated fridge/freezer and dishwasher, split-level electric double oven, four-ring electric hob, work surfaces and single drainer bowl and a half sink with mixer tap.

A laundry has a single drainer sink top with mixer tap, base units, wine rack and plumbing for washing machine, and there is also a half-tiled toilet.

A split-level hall has doors to the music room/secondary lounge measuring 15ft 8in by 15ft 1in, and there is a cloakroom with corner hand basin and WC.

On the first floor bedroom one is 20ft 10in by 1ft 4in with a range of fitted wardrobes, and there are two further bedrooms and a bathroom with champagne coloured suite comprising corner bath, hand basin and WC.

The integral garage is 15ft 8in by 21ft 6in with folding panelled doors, and there is a further storage area measuring 12ft 5in by 10ft 1in.

The low maintenance rear garden has a raised slatted patio with shrubs and plants and brick/glazed summerhouse. Contact Taylors of Sedgley on 01902 880888 for further information or to arrange a viewing.

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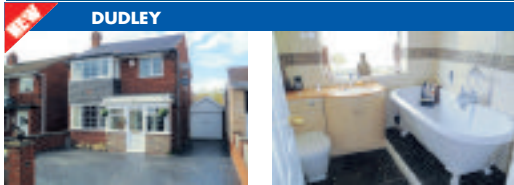




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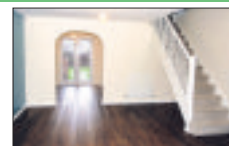
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- *ORP

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- *Fitted kitchen
- *Bathroom with bath & shower
- *Communal garden area
- *GCH

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- *Lounge
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- *Rear lobby with shower
- *DG & CH
- *ORP

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- *GCH and DG
- *Bathroom with Bath and Shower
- *Facilities
- *Rear Garden

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- *Lounge
- *Fitted kitchen
- *Bathroom
- *ORP
- *Communal grassed area

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- *Dining room
- *Lounge
- *Fitted kitchen
- *Downstairs WC
- *GCH & DG

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Wolverhampton Lichwood Road

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- *Lounge
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- *Bathroom with shower
- *ORP

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- *Fitted kitchen
- *Bathroom
- *ORP

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- *GCH
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- *Bathroom with bath & shower
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A VERY LARGE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly sought after cul-de-sac setting with views of the canal/ locks to the rear, providing a BEAUTIFULLY REAPPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: canopy porch reception hall, refitted cloaks/ w.c., large lounge with walk in bay, separate dining room, very spacious luxury refitted breakfast kitchen with appliances, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, master with refitted shower room en suite and refitted house bathroom. Set beyond a BROAD DRIVEWAY with front lawns, GARAGE and having a secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £229,950**WORDSLEY****'Kenton' Rectory Street**

Very pleasantly situated within this mature and sought after address, this VERY WELL MAINTAINED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS together with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. With front garden with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with utility / w.c., side garden area and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which is a particular feature of the property and enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £209,950**WOMBOURNE VILLAGE****46 Forge Valley Way**

Pleasantly situated upon Wombourne village's very popular Pool House Farm development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, GREATLY AND MOST ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED/APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, generously proportioned Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, extended and attractively refitted Kitchen, Porch/Store, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. With low maintenance foregarden, GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY and LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £179,950**LOWER GORNAL****Grosvenor Road South**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A particularly SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated, & UPVC double glazed detached constructed in the 1980's to a highly individual design in favoured setting with PANORAMIC VIEWS, and now requiring some sympathetic updating. Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall (wood block floor, lofty ceiling heights), lounge, formal dining room with walk-in bay (with wood block floor), breakfast kitchen, walk-in pantry, lobby, further store, inner hallway, two bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c. To the first floor there is presently a large double bedroom, and further scope incorporating traditional roof space. Ample grounds. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950**KINGSWINFORD****1 Heathlands Close**

Commanding a generous corner position upon the fringe of 'Blanford Mere', this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND SUBSTANTIAL LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME combines a VERY SPACIOUS and VERSATILE layout with ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., splendid large full width lounge with dining area, bedroom & dining room/office, superb wet room, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. With front garden, DRIVEWAY and GARAGE together with LARGE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950**WORDSLEY****29 Meadowfields Close**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, VERY WELL PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoying a very pleasant cul-de-sac setting and offering VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, inner hall / dining room, spacious L shaped lounge with dining / study area, extended kitchen with built-in appliances, utility room, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and attractively refitted shower room. With FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE / STORE and attractively laid out rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £159,950**WORDSLEY****21 Blandford Drive**

Enjoying DELIGHTFUL VIEWS towards Wordsley's Holy Trinity Church and fantastic distant views beyond, this SPACIOUS DETACHED BUNGALOW is very well placed upon highly sought after Rectory Fields and requires some updating and improvement, but offers much potential, providing a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, dining kitchen, rear veranda, TWO BEDROOMS and bathroom. With tiered low maintenance fore garden, DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and low maintenance rear garden which also enjoys superb views. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £154,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**WOMBOURNE VILLAGE****22 Redhill Avenue**

Pleasantly situated within this cul-de-sac, forming part of highly sought after Wombourne village, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND VERY ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME offers IMMACULATELY PRESENTED AND VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Inner Hall, spacious Lounge-with-Dining Area, extended and attractively refitted Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances, Utility Room, ground floor WC, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom with separate shower. With an attractive low maintenance foregarden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and beautifully laid out rear garden, with rear Verandah and USEFUL WORKSHOP. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £149,950**UPPER GORNAL****Eve Lane**

A meticulously maintained, elegant, SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed Edwardian semi detached of character. Superb accommodation includes recessed porch, imposing reception hall, dining room with bay, transverse sitting room, 16'2" breakfast kitchen, vestibule, reappointed/re-tiled cloaks/shower room, gallery landing, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE (23'2" x 13'0") TRADESMAN'S GARAGE (with roller door) & delightful expertly tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers around £145,000**KINGSWINFORD****56 Balfour Road**

An IMPRESSIVE MODERN SEMI DETACHED HOUSE which has been EXTENDED TO BOTH THE FRONT & REAR and is superbly located within the sought after Blanford Mere development, offering a GENEROUS layout of ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED/APPOINTED accommodation, including: Extended Reception Hall, L shaped lounge, full width dining room extension, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. Set well back beyond a front lawn having a landscaped low maintenance rear garden and GARAGE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £139,950**KINGSWINFORD****Lerryn Close**

Having recently undergone a scheme of updating and available with no upward chain is this modern style gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed 2 bedroom detached bungalow positioned on an end plot, with accommodation comprising porch, lounge, refitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, block paved driveway to front, view early to avoid disappointment. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £131,950**COSELEY****Hurst Road, Hurst Hill**

This beautifully presented, much improved, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance hall, refitted breakfast kitchen, stylish lounge, splendid conservatory addition. Three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**STOURBRIDGE****Marlbark Road**

This immaculately presented, UPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroomed end terraced home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish through Lounge, refitted Kitchen with adjacent Dining area, two double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £119,950**NETHERTON****Marlow Close**

This majority UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with no upward chain. The property would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / updating and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Sauna. Useful Store (former Garage), Driveway and a level rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £119,950**SEDGLEY****High Holborn**

RARE OPPORTUNITY - SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL! Particularly spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character with rare advantage of VEHICULAR ACCESS from Gate Street. Modernised in the past but requiring further upgrading, the house includes imposing reception hall, sitting room, lounge, cellar, kitchen, shower/utility room, separate toilet (NB: extensive first floor space above kitchen/utility unused), three double bedrooms, garden, parking space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £106,950**WORDSLEY****50 Crownoakes Drive**

Perhaps one of the best LUXURY TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS within perhaps one of best positions upon the stylish Edge development, providing an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and IMMACULATELY PRESENTED/APPOINTED layout of as new accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Communal lobby with secure CCTV/intercom, Reception Hall, fantastic large lounge with dining area, luxury kitchen with appliances, TWO LARGE BEDROOMS, master with luxury en suite shower room, luxury bathroom GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and remainder NHBC warranty. Beautifully maintained gardens/grounds ALLOCATED CAR PARKING and SHARED VISITORS SPACES. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £114,950**COSELEY****Anvil Crescent**

Enviably situated in 'quiet backwater' with open aspect to front & within walking distance of day-to-day amenities, a gas centrally heated, UPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' comprising entrance hall, kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, lounge, store, two double bedrooms, bathroom with stylish white suite, extensive tarmacaded parking to front & secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950**COSELEY****Bank Street**

A tremendously modernised, enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED traditional intermediate terrace in superb order throughout. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom with white 'contemporary' suite, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950**LOWER GORNAL****Temple Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), UPVC single glazed traditional intermediate terrace conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & so many amenities. Accommodation provides lounge, enlarged breakfast kitchen with integrated hob/oven, understairs store, two generous double bedrooms (possibilities of subdividing main bedroom?), bathroom with white suite, neat garden with brick store. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed superior detached residence constructed to an exacting specification for the original owners in the 1980's incorporating first quality materials/workmanship. The exceptionally flexible room arrangements include: entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with an extensive range of units & various integrated appliances, laundry/toilet. From the split level hall is a fitted cloakroom and a secondary lounge. To the first floor are three double bedrooms (principal bedroom 20'10" x 11'4" - possibilities of sub division?), bathroom. Large garage with further secure storage. "low maintenance gardens".

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GORNAL WOOD**Cinder Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY - EXTENSIVE GARDENS WITH SEPARATE VEHICULAR ACCESS! A distinctive, significantly extended, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with flexible room arrangements, and tremendous possibilities. Set within walking distance of village/fields, and comprising: reception hall, separate dining room, kitchen with an extensive range of 'isak' units, spacious through living room with bay, study, and a utility room. Landing with doors off to bathroom, bedrooms two and three, together with principal bedroom one (communicating through to large fourth double bedroom with shower room en suite). Extensive superbly tended gardens with additional vehicular access, and former STABLE BLOCK. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £269,950

DUDLEY**Ripley Grove**

Recently built, exceptionally stylish (former showhome), gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached occupying fine corner plot & covered by remainder of NHBC. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with spacious fitted cloakroom, through lounge (with double french doors out to garden), good size dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with a fine range of units with many integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes & shower room en suite - built in wardrobes to second bedroom), bathroom with white suite, landscaped garden & brick GARAGE to side. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £198,500

UPPER GORNAL**Foxlands Drive**

A gas centrally heated, mostly uPVC double glazed detached family home in favoured 'backwater' with the conscientiously maintained & significantly enhanced accommodation providing reception hall (wood strip floor), reapportioned cloakroom with white suite, store, through living room comprising lounge section (with 'Minster' style overmantel) & dining room section with patio doors through to the double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reapportioned shower room en suite) & a re-fitted shower (former bathroom). Garden, delightful secluded rear garden, lengthy foregarden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

DUDLEY**Ascot Drive, Milking Bank**

TREMENDOUSLY ENHANCED & particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached where a persons inspection is considered vital to appreciate quality/nature of accommodation available. Positioned in one of the more sort after sections of the development, the property provides entrance hallway, lounge, transverse refitted 16'3" dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'light beech' effect units, various integrated appliances & double french doors through to a large bick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, pantry, utility, fitted cloakroom & further study (alternative playroom/office). Three bedrooms, reapportioned/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,500

DUDLEY**Austin Close, Milking Bank**

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'8" garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £182,995

WOODSETTON**Roper Way**

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached family home which is situated in a popular residential location, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, reapportioned shower room with white suite. Burglar alarm, driveway, garage, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

DUDLEY**Himley Avenue**

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home is tucked away at the head of a cul de sac & an internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The deceptively spacious property briefly comprises entrance hall, splendid through lounge/dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, three double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Brownswall Road**

A particularly stylish, tremendously improved & EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities/country park etc., and enjoying distant views. Superb accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, superb through lounge with feature fireplace, substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen, pantry, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reapportioned bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy 20'3" garage, delightful secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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DUDLEY**Belvoir Close, Milking Bank**

Occupying a corner plot, this modern, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached property is situated on popular development and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with a range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom, driveway & lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

SEDGLEY**Brownswall Road**

A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, 19'5" lounge, dining room, extended 18'10" breakfast kitchen, pantry, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (largest bedroom 19'4" x 12'4" max), bathroom, large 20ft. garage, delightful secluded rear garden considerable potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

COSELEY**Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

This beautifully presented, much improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, transverse lounge, splendid 'P-shaped' CONSERVATORY addition, utility, three good bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, block paved driveway, lengthy garage & a lovely rear garden with south facing aspect. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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COSELEY**Bridgewater Drive**

This beautifully presented, modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises: living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Garage, double width driveway, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Bath Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed semi detached has been considerably improved/updated by the present owners and is well worthy of internal inspection. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, CONSERVATORY, two bedrooms, reapportioned bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved driveway & a neat low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Cross Lane**

A Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed 'starter home' that has been tremendously modernised & upgraded by present vendors in recent months to an exemplary standard of presentation. Set within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools, the accommodation provides reception hall, through lounge, separate dining/living room, refitted breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filter, three bedrooms, superb reapportioned/re-tiled shower room, driveway, garage, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £121,000

WOODSETTON**Brook Street**

An exceptionally well appointed, tremendously enhanced & extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed townhouse of tremendous character that has been carefully restored by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall (with access to cellar) and lofty (9ft ceiling heights), elegant lounge with feature cast fireplace, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & integrated appliances, rear utility/laundry section, separate toilet, reapportioned bathroom with white suite. To the first floor are two double bedrooms and there is a winding staircase up to a further third corner double bedroom. Secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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COSELEY**Berrington Drive**

A freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached virtually at head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of so many amenities including Coseley railway station. The improved accommodation includes porch, lounge (laminated finish floor), transverse breakfast kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with a range of fitted units), recently reapportioned/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite with chrome detailing, BRICK GARAGE (pitched roof) & garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Arcal Street**

A conveniently situated Freehold, gas centrally heated & either secondary or sealed unit double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities/schools etc. The accommodation includes: glazed entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Three well proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), bathroom, Garage, car port, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £115,500

SEDGLEY**The Walk**

This most impressive, deceptively spacious, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid townhouse has undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation & improvement and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, beautiful refitted bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

COSELEY**Avenue Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, vast majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities and may paticularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property, which would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/upgrading, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Rowan Road**

This well presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid terrace home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £97,950

LOWER GORNAL**Brook Street**

A significantly modernised & improved, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character with walking distance of village & all amenities. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, lounge with feature living flame fireplace, lobby, understairs store, REFITTED breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' units & integrated oven/hob, THREE BEDROOMS, reapportioned/re-tiled bathroom with white 'Heritage' suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £95,950

LOWER GORNAL**Barr Street**

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. An attractive, significantly MODERNISED & upgraded, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character in well regarded neighbourhood convenient for all amenities in the village & country park. Delightful accommodation includes lounge, breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filter, two good sized bedrooms (both with wardrobes), recently reapportioned bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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DUDLEY**Cromwell Drive**

Situated in an established residential location, and enjoying panoramic views to the rear, this traditional style, three bedroomed semi-detached family home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement and updating, yet offers excellent potential, and may represent an ideal first time buy. With majority uPVC double glazing and a gas central heating system, the property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs w.c., breakfast room, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, and a lengthy rear garden. BRITLEY HILL OFFICE 01884 265265

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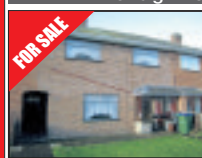
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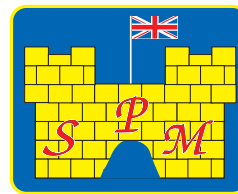
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The new Peugeot hybrid is looking like a safe bet

"IT'S GOING to be a thoroughbred experience", was the intro at the start of a launch drive of the new Peugeot 508 RXH. Intriguing... then it hit me, we had to be doing something involving horses. And indeed we did.

So what's the point of telling you that? – I hear you thinking.

Well all will be revealed and it was very pertinent to the latest cub out of the Peugeot stable.

The Peugeot 508 is already available in saloon and SW (estate) variants, and now, with the launch of this 508 RXH, it's available as a four-wheel drive, diesel-electric hybrid with taller suspension and a wider track to handle a little more rough stuff and low-grip situations – as we discovered on the drive.

There is also a mode where you can run the car purely on electric, and hence with zero emissions, as we did through two stables of valuable thoroughbred racehorses without causing them to twitch a nostril – and they're the first things to alert you to when a horse is not happy along with

By Sharon Walters

the ears going back. It is powered by a 163bhp, 2.0-litre diesel engine and a 37bhp electric motor. On the road the Peugeot 508 Hybrid4 performs very well and is comfortable without being too staid.

While it might not be that quick out of the stalls compared to other rivals in its sector, it will sprint from 0-62mph in 9.5 seconds and it has a top speed of 130mph.

A drive around the roads of south Cheshire included busy towns where the stop/start system for the diesel engine proved very efficient, very quickly cutting the engine when you stop and starting equally quickly when you touch the accelerator to get going again. Fuel savings will be substantial and ever more important as cost continue to rise.

And you can also go around town using just the electric motor and onboard battery which, as mentioned before gives zero emissions, as we did around the stables.

We also tested out its sure-footedness by driving up alongside the gallops as the

horses were being exercised. It had been pouring with rain, there was a long, gradual but steep climb on deeply rutted grass, but the car positively cantered up and at times even made a gallop.

This all means that the 508 RXH has a tax-related CO2 rating of 107g/km which makes it very attractive for company car drivers and fleet managers.

For private owners the low CO2 output means zero road tax for the first year and then £20 per year thereafter.

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Fuel economy claims look good and if they live up the figures claimed will prove a big incentive. Looks-wise, the 508 is curvy and smooth and inside you get comfort and a quality finish.

The seats support your back well and the side supports are raised keeping you held firmly in place. The electric seats have plenty of adjustment which means you can get a perfect driving position and the standard specification is good including cruise control, parking aid and parallel parking guide, sat-nav and Bluetooth, a catalogue of safety features and Peugeot Connect SOS and Assistance. One brilliant feature, which



I also recently enjoyed on the Peugeot 3008, is the head-up display which makes it very easy to check your speed without taking your eyes off the road. The Peugeot 508 RXH Hybrid4 not only has a premium look and

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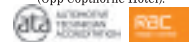
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Alexander conquers with ball for Stour

STOURBRIDGE made it two wins out of two on their return to the Birmingham League.

Richard Bradley (57) and Josh Banks (49) were the chief contributors as Stourbridge posted 174-9 against Streety.

West Indian Andy Alexander then claimed his second successive four-wicket haul to help dismiss Streety for 109.

It meant another good win for Stourbridge in Division Three.

Walsall came out on top against reigning champions Barnt Green in the Premier Division.

Tom Freeman claimed a five-wicket haul as Barnt Green battled their way to 140-9.

A quickfire 49 from Jack Manuel gave Walsall a flying start before a mid-innings wobble left them 95-5.

But teenagers Alex Christie (25 not out) and James Middleton (20) saw them home by two wickets.

Aaron Jeavons led Wolverhampton's victory charge against Knowle & Dorridge. Jeavons top-scored with 75 as Wolves overhauled K&D's 153 for the loss of six wickets.

Success

Kidderminster went down by 17 runs after being dismissed for 95 against Premier new-boys Berkswell.

Division One Wombourne piled up the runs with a 133-run success against Kenilworth Wardens.

Jon Smith (80), Michael Hill (35) and Dave Hemming (43 not out) helped Wombourne to 276-8.

Steven Howard and Jack Biddulph then took three wickets each as Wardens fell for 143.

Halesowen are level on points with Brewood at the top of Division Two following a 17-run success over Attock.

Phil Croft was the star man for Halesowen, hitting 50 in his side's 139 and then taking 6-52.

Chris Guest made a stunning return to Fordhouses, taking 5-22 to help sink Harborne to 70.

Fordhouses lost just one wicket in knocking off the runs.

New-boys Penkridge tasted success thanks to a brilliant 104 not out from Rana Hassan which helped them overhaul Coleshill's 184-9 with five wickets to spare. Roger Weston had earlier bagged six wickets.

Dominant Dudley take out the Hitmen

Dudley Heathens

final race. All outcomes were possible but it was the draw that came up as Perry split the Richie Worrall/Ashley Birks combination.

Team boss Will Pottinger was delighted with the performance by his men.

"I was pleased with the way we put the hammer down in the second half of the meeting after being level after heat five," said Pottinger.

"The lads all came into the match after one ride each and it

was a good all-round team performance. We had plenty of 4-2s and 5-1s. Tom was in very good form obviously and Adam (Roynton) did well after his first-ride last place.

"We also had a really solid contribution from James White-Williams with paid 11, which was good to see, and also Dan Greenwood did well at reserve."

Byron Bekker took his place at Buxton despite suffering a heavy fall the day before at Stoke. Unfortunately, Bekker also took more tumbles in the Knockout Cup clash.

"Byron has been unfortunate so far," said Pottinger. "But it was good to see him finish off with a win in his last ride and that gave him a bit of confidence."

Loomer Road scores. Stoke: Ben Read 14+3, Richie Worrall 14+1, Ashley Birks 10+1, Tony Atkin 6, Rhys Naylor 2+1, Ross Walter 1, Jaimie Pickard 0.

Dudley: Tom Perry 10, Ashley Morris 8, Tim Webster 7, James White-Williams 6+3, Darryl Ritching 6, Byron Bekker 4+1, Dan Greenwood 2+1.

Hi-Edge scores. Buxton: Robert Brantford 12, Luke Priest 6+1, Adam McKinn 6, Dean Felton 5+1, Ryan Blacklock 5+1, Richard Andrews 2+1, Michael Neale 0.

Dudley: Tom Perry 13+1, Adam Roynton 11, James White-Williams 8+3, Dan Greenwood 8, Ashley Morris 7, Byron Bekker 4, Darryl Ritching 3.

Cookley success at top of the tables

THANKS to a mixture of good performances and weather affecting other games, both Cookley Worcestershire County league sides top their respective divisions after victories.

Chaddesley Corbett (1st) 98, Cookley (2nd) 99-4.

Cookley won by six wickets Cookley firsts took a comfortable six-wicket win against their local rivals.

Skipper Gary Mills had the unusual experience of winning a coin toss.

His decision to field was justified as Jace Hemmings took 3-29 and Ryan Parker 3-31 as the visitors were dismissed for 98.

Cookley started solidly in reply, opener Simon Cook making 26, before an unbeaten 24 from Mark Bennett guided them home.

Cookley (24pts) 119, Envile (4pts) 89.

Cookley won by 30 runs

At Envile the seconds were victorious despite a collapse sparked by a Jack Taylor golden duck and the wily bowling of Paul Moran, who took 6-31.

Ricky Keenan's six-hitting at No.11, where he made 19, took the score to a modest 120.

But the total proved to be enough as Envile succumbed to St Kirby's fine 5-33 to win by 30 runs.

Judo twins eclipse the mat rivals

KIDDERMINSTER judo twins Sally and Rachel Moon each bagged a medal at the Northern Ireland Open in Belfast, a home country open ranking points event.

They travelled with five other members of Wolverhampton Judo Club and between them managed to bring home nine medals.

Rachel Moon won gold in the juniors under-78kg category, beating all her opponents. The ranking points won leave her equal second in the Great Britain junior squad.

Sally Moon competed in the under-70kg juniors event and battled well to get to the final. There she narrowly missed out on gold, but did take silver.

Her ranking points put her third in her category in the GB juniors.

Stour swimmers at the double to win league

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club's A and B teams earned a double triumph in the final of the Worcester Winter League.

The B Team were hot favourites going into their final at Droitwich and duly delivered, finishing six points clear of their nearest rivals Oldbury.

But just one point separated the top four teams in the A section going into the final and Stourbridge won a nailbiting contest by three points to take the title.

Team captains for the night, Rich Spoor and Becki Cole, lifted the league shield on behalf of their Stourbridge team-mates.

Nat Dingley had a double victory in fly and freestyle, while Cole did likewise in fly and backstroke and Spoor followed suit on the free and breaststroke.

Maximum

Britt Horton won two individual backstroke events in her own age group and the one above.

Maximum points also went to freestylers Ellie Wood and Adam Horton, backstroker Alex Westwood and breaststroker Aaron Costigan.

The open medley relay team snatched victory after a hard-fought battle to the finish, with Scott Allin hammering the last length and taking maximum points.

B team captains for the night, Hannah Williams and Josh Quinton, received the trophy on behalf of the side.

Individual B team winners included Lauren Sanders who was unbeaten on the night in both backstroke and breaststroke.

Swimming

Shane Hazell and Tom Parker won the freestyle event, Mike Sedgley and Aimee Sanders won backstroke, Matt McCallum and Megan Dudley took butterfly honours and Ed Maycock and Sam Matthews powered to breaststroke victory.

Relay sides taking top spot were the 13s, 15s and open medley teams with the 15s freestyle team also being unbeaten on the night.

Head coach Stew Nicklin said: "Having both teams in top spot is an amazing achievement and thoroughly deserved by all those involved."

"We knew we had some tough opposition but the sheer determination of Stourbridge's swimmers came through."

"I would like to congratulate each and every one of them - their hard work and dedication has paid off."

The club are currently looking for new members aged six or over.

For more details visit www.stourswim.co.uk or call Stew on 07834 689178.

Clubs' activity day helps with development



Swimmers at the development day in Coventry learn about posture during their training session

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club joined forces with Worcester SC to stage a swimming development day.

The clubs created a day of activities at Coventry for more than 100 mixed age and ability swimmers. It included a warm-up session, two-hour pool set including starts and turns, then two

afternoon classes held by England Talent on racing nutrition and hydration, plus land training core muscle work, injury prevention and posture.

Clubs that attended included Pershore, Evesham and Oldbury.

The day was not aimed solely at swimmers, but also at the develop-

ment of coaches, sharing of ideas and mentoring those wishing to pursue their interest in coaching.

Organisers hope to eventually cover all aspects of swimming, enabling swimmers to build up personal fitness and knowledge of how they can progress.



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Connor in interview to keep Wolves job

TERRY CONNOR has made his pitch to remain as manager of Wolves.

Connor was given the chance to put his case at a formal interview at chairman Steve Morgan's Carden Park hotel complex in Cheshire earlier this week.

The long-serving coach's invitation to an interview is the latest indication of support from the boardroom.

Connor has already been told to make all preparations for pre-season training, and last week he travelled with first-team coach Steve Weaver to Holland to scout a potential new signing – a sure sign that he is being involved in the longer-term planning of the club's future.

The move comes as Wolves prepare for their final game of the season at Wigan on Sunday.

It is understood that the 49-year-old, who was given the job to the end of the season, is the first candidate to be interviewed formally since he was thrust into the hotseat on February 24.

Keeping Connor would provide continuity and also help to keep star players and other staff at Molineux, whereas a new man would almost certainly want his own backroom people.

Bandurak to tackle PGA prize

JOHN BANDURAK topped the leaderboard at the PGA Assistants' Championship Midlands qualifying event at Swindon Golf Club.

Bandurak, of Great Barr Golf Club, won by a shot and was the only player to break par at the venue, near Wombourne.

The Wolverhampton-based 27-year-old carded a one under par 71 to finish ahead of Stuart Boyle (The Belfry).

They will join 14 other qualifiers at the £32,230 PGA Assistants' Championship final at East Sussex National course.

But Bandurak admitted he needed to "give himself a talking to" after a disappointing front nine.

He said: "I was three over par after nine holes; I three-putted eight and nine."

"I gave myself a good talking to and made a three at the par-five 10th."

"Then I collected another couple of birdies."

Perry is hailed as the wizard from Oz

HEATHENS boss Will Pottinger believes the club are reaping the benefits of Tom Perry's winter trip to Australia.

The British Under-21 runner-up's super start to the season continued with two more double-figure returns in away matches at Stoke and Buxton over the weekend.

And that followed a performance for Somerset against Leicester on Friday which had Rebels bosses singing his praises too.

Perry dropped only one point at the Hi-Edge Raceway as Heathens made themselves overwhelming favourites to reach the last four of the Knockout Cup.

It would have needed a reversal of epic

Dudley Heathens

proportions had they lost an 18-point first leg advantage in the second leg which was due to take place at Monmore on Tuesday.

Pottinger said: "Going to Australia has made a world of difference to Tom. It's also helping him to get things right in the Premier League, and it's definitely made him sharper out of the starts."

"Jan O (Pedersen) has been working with him on his gating, and he's also changed engine tuners and found something that's working out better for him."

"So we're really pleased with how he's

going at the moment." One disappointment for Perry came when he was among three members of Great Britain's under-21 squad to be cut for the five-strong World Cup semi-final team to face Australia, Denmark and the Czech Republic on May 27.

The fixture has been switched from the racy Scunthorpe circuit to a Lakeside track where gating is crucial.

That move was always likely to be bad news for Perry, but joint team boss Phil Morris reckons he can be the man for future seasons.

"For four out of the five, this is their last year," said Morris. "For Tom Perry, and

Jason Garrity, they have got years ahead of them. They can be the next generation."

Pottinger believes his side have laid down some solid foundations for the campaign ahead after drawing their Staffs Cup tie on aggregate against Stoke, and then with their convincing away win at Buxton.

They travel to King's Lynn next Wednesday for their opening league match with Byron Bekker thankfully escaping from a heavy crash at Stoke.

Bekker had been a major doubt for the Buxton fixture but was determined to ride and suffered another couple of falls.

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Bhandal's backing boost for Glassboys

STOURBRIDGE have struck a deal worth "several thousand pounds" to continue their relationship with Bhandal Dental Practices for next season.

The West Midlands company, which has a practice in Lye, has been upgraded from sponsors of the first-team shirts to all of the club's sportswear.

Bhandal has already received significant exposure from the Glassboys' FA Cup run last season, which brought national attention.

Gary Hackett's men played Football League sides Plymouth and Stevenage in their run to the second round and harbour ambitions of promotion. They only missed out on a play-off spot in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League in the final fixture of the season.

Their cause will be aided by Bhandal who will have the firm's name emblazoned on the strips of all 16 of the club's teams.

Those are the first team, the Midland Floodlight Youth League outfit, six junior teams in the Midland Premier Leagues on Saturday mornings, a further six Sunday sides in the Stourbridge and District League and two girls teams in the Central Warwickshire Football League.

Kyle forced out by neck injury

BRIERLEY HILL'S Kyle Spencer has pulled out of his welterweight contest at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday night through injury.

He hurt his neck in training last week and trainer Shaun Cooper decided to withdraw the unbeaten 22-year-old who faced a tough test in Brumme Andrew Patterson.

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CURTAIN CALL FOR LEGEND LANGFORD

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD will say goodbye to long-serving Ian Langford as the flanker takes his curtain call in the North Midlands Cup final on Sunday.

The 36-year-old will retire after 17 seasons of service to the club, as DK's campaign ends with the chance of silverware at home to holders Newport.

DK have already been promoted to the National Division Two North and could make it a double – but Langford won't be a part of next season's charge.

The veteran is calling it a day after 380 first team appearances and more than 80 tries for the club and will hope to add to that tally on Sunday.

With DK staging the tie, Langford will get the chance to sign off in front of the home supporters and a rousing reception is expected at Heathbrook.

And player-coach Jon Higgins is among those to pay tribute to one of the cornerstones of the club in the modern era.

He said: "You can clearly see the impact Ian has on the team and he's been playing for the first team for many years."

Missed

"He's really going to be missed when he retires."

Dudley Kingswinford's director of rugby Gordon Bannatyne added: "On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Ian for his long and loyal service."

"On a personal note, I have had the honour of working with him throughout his long playing career."

"His dedication and commitment is an inspiration to our many young players, in terms of training and playing with a totally focused approach."

by Craig Birch

While Langford steps away from rugby, DK will take a break and then look to make the step up next season successful.

A derby clash with Stourbridge Saxons is among the fixtures which Higgins – who has played for both sides – and his side can look forward to with eager anticipation.

But Higgins has urged DK to concentrate on the task in hand after giving the players last week off to recover from a gruelling season.

He said: "We have come back refreshed after a week's break, ready for one last effort before a well-deserved holiday."

"Now the play-off game is out of the way, we have got a cup final and it's at our place; you don't need any more motivation than that!"

"We can go out, perform, enjoy it and, hopefully, get the win."

The club have also announced that their end-of-season awards presentation evening will take place next Saturday night.

The event is open to all club members regardless of which team they actually play in.

Hurrah for Hussain as Himley top table



Himley bowler Nick Harrison fires in a delivery as Himley beat Wellington to top the Premier Division

HIMLEY are top of the Birmingham and District Premier Division after a tense two-wicket win at Wellington.

Ashraf Hussain and Greg Wright were the stand-out performers for the Stourbridge Road club on Saturday.

New signing Hussain shone with the ball as he bagged 5-32 to help restrict

the hosts to 149-9. Wright then notched a second successive half-century as Himley, with last man Dan Smith unable to bat after suffering an injury while bowling, took the spoils.

They finished on 150-8 with Mike Jones' unbeaten 17 invaluable as the wickets tumbled.

But they were not as fortunate the following day in the National Club championship at Halesowen.

The home side were dismissed for 204, extras top-scoring with 47. In reply, Himley were all out for 186 to lose by 18 runs despite Zain Shah's 49 as Mohammad Shauib claimed 4-24.

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